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THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

Outline of the Sermon on the Mount

(Matt. 5-7)

Introduction: Setting for the Sermon (5:1-2)

I. The Spirit of a Disciple (5:1-12)

1. A happy pauper (3-5)
 - (1) Poor in spirit
 - (2) Mourning
 - (3) Meek
2. A happy aspirant (6-8)
 - (1) Hungers and thirsts for righteousness
 - (2) Merciful
 - (3) Pure in heart
3. A happy warrior (9-12)
 - (1) Fighting for peace
 - (2) Persecuted
 - (3) Rejoicing in persecution

II. The Influence of a Disciple (5:13-16)

1. The salt of the earth
2. The light of the world

III. The Law of a Disciple (5:17-48)

1. God's law indestructible
2. Not to be relaxed
3. Requiring a more demanding obedience
 - (1) Exceeding that of scribe and Pharisee
 - (2) As to killing
 - (3) As to adultery
 - (4) As to divorce
 - (5) As to oaths
 - (6) As to taking vengeance
 - (7) As to loving and hating
 - (8) The standard: To be perfect, like God.

- IV. The Motives of a Disciple (6:1-34)
 - 1. For giving alms
 - 2. For praying
 - 3. For fasting
 - 4. For laying up treasures
- V. The Judgment of a Disciple (7:1-6)
 - 1. Not upon others
 - 2. But upon himself
- VI. The Resource of a Disciple (7:7-12)
- VII. The Choices of a Disciple (7:13-27)
 - 1. Between a broad and a narrow road
 - 2. Between true and false teachers
 - 3. Between assent to, and practice of, the teachings
 - 4. Between destruction and security

Conclusion: Astonishment of the Hearers (7:28)

It requires no strength to open the door to Jesus - Well we give Jesus access to our needs ???

Prayer is something deeper than words - It is present in the soul before it has been put into words. And it abides in the soul after the last words of prayer have passed over our lips -

Prayer is an attitude of our hearts - an attitude of mind. God recognizes this attitude & whether we put it into words or not - Words help us - what is this attitude of heart which God recognizes as prayer?

~~First~~ Helplessness - Prayer & helplessness are inseparable - Only he who is helpless can truly pray.

Prayer meeting - usual ones pray - one who wants to lift his voice to God

Stumbles - Reaching in
heaven because a man in
his helplessness couldn't do anything
but pray -

Often happens we slip out of
this blessed attitude of helplessness
before God. Our former self-
Conceit + self sufficiency
asserts themselves again.

Everything gets snarled up
again - Pride of God flees
worldliness - slothfulness -
+ lack of spiritual interest
begins to choke our spiritual
lives - Sin gains the
victory again in our
daily lives - + an
unwilling spirit works
its way into the service
we render toward God.

God has to again make us
humble + contrite of heart.
helpless - can only
permit God to have
mercy upon us to
love us + care for us

Then our helplessness re-establishes us in our right relationship both to God & to man. Above all it restores us to the right attitude in prayer -

Faith - another attitude of heart which God recognises as prayer rising to Him -

Hebrews 11: 6 - Without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto Him" Without faith our helplessness would be only a vain cry of distress in the night.

Mention faith - touch upon a subject about which we are most sensitive -

James 1: 6 - 8

Many people have read this and turned away in despair. He who prays to God must believe in God.

When an honest soul examines himself in the light of the scriptures - he soon finds that faith is just what seems to be lacking in his prayers. He doubts before he prays while he is praying and after he prays.

(James 1: 6-8)

When discouraged he becomes

My doubting friend. Your cause may not be as bad ~~hopeless~~ as you think it is!

You have more faith than you think you have

You have faith enough to pray
You have faith enough to believe that you will be heard.

Let's examine some of the signs that manifest faith:

1. The essence of faith is to come to Christ -
A sinner has nothing but sin and distress - The Word of God has made that clear to him - Instead of running from God - he comes into His presence with all of his sin and distress - The sinner who does this believes -

John 6: 37 I John 1: 9

Folks who come to Jesus like this heard from Him these words before they departed,
"Thy faith hath saved thee" Woman - who came to Jesus - at Simons house - last words Jesus said to her -

Note marks of a living faith.

Sees his own need - Acknowledges his helplessness
Goes to Jesus - Tells Him just how bad things are and leaves
everything with Him

We have faith enough when we in our helplessness turn to Jesus -

True prayer is a fruit of helplessness + faith

Helplessness becomes prayer the moment you go to Jesus and open your heart - tell Him confidently about your needs. This is to believe -

Prayer is nothing more involves than to open the door when Jesus knocks and give Him access to our distresses and helplessness with all His miracle working powers

Jesus does not need any help to fulfill our supplications. He loves us - He is already interested in our problem. All we have to do is open the door + through prayer give Him access - all He wants is an opportunity to take over.

Maybe some have been confused
in their thinking -

Unbelief is something very
different from doubt -
Unbelief is an attribute of the
will & consists in a man's
refusal to acknowledge
his helplessness, refuses to see
his own need & go to Jesus
& speak candidly with Him
about his sin & distress -

● Doubt - is anguish, a pain,
a weakness, which at time
affects our faith. Call it
faith-distress, faith anguish,
faith suffering, faith-tribulation.

This faith-illness not as dangerous
as we feel that it is - It helps
serves to render us helpless.

(Mark 9: 14-30)

Ans. to prayer is not dependent upon our emotions - or our thoughts before - during or after prayer -

Sometimes when we pray we swing between doubt & faith like the man in -

Mark 9: 14 - 30

We can do what he did
* bring our doubts to Jesus
tell him about our weak faith -

It begins to dawn on me
that I can bring all my
difficulties to Jesus &
tell him how weak my
faith -

I hope let Jesus into
my heart & He will fulfill
my heart's desire -

Difficulties In Prayer

To pray is to open our hearts to Jesus. Jesus said - "Apart from me ye can do nothing." John 15: 5

Many admonitions in the Bible regarding prayer - They show us that prayer is the heart-throb in the life of a saved person.

Cite a few admonitions to prayer.

Matthew 7: 7 - 11

John 15: 7

Philippians 4: 6

These show what Jesus meant prayer to be. Sinner converted - Jesus takes his hand. "Come now I am going all the way with you. Bring you safely home to heaven -

Apparent that a child of God can grieve Jesus in no wise more than to neglect prayer.

To do so is for your spiritual life to shrivel up like a dried prune -

"Ye have not because ye ask not" James 4: 2

Why do most of us fail so miserably in Prayer?
The difficulty lies in the very act of praying

We don't expect the natural man to feel need of prayer. He does not see any need for such a daily task but to find Christians who neglect this joy is a surprise - but many do.

When you were first saved your prayer life was a joyous one - then you encountered some difficulties - & gradually your prayer life became a burden

1. Our minds become worldly - we feel more & more alienated from God - have less & less to talk to Him about.

Our inner life begins to weaken. The pain of living in sin is not felt as keenly as before - no longer see clearly which is right & which is wrong -

This is condition of many believers today -

Dr. Carl McIntire info. Auditorium -
Matt 7: 21 Bo Smith, 3-21-64

Prayer - By Lemmon

I.C.Y. - International Christian Youth -
April 11 -

Deris, Long - "America" - "Indians like these"
MC

K. is a man of peace
This we all recall
a piece of this piece of that
Until he has it all

Freedom is
everybody's business
A man who will not use his
freedom to defend his
freedom does not deserve
this freedom

2000 ~~as~~ came in - trace to attack
by Drew Pearson who stated McEntyre
radio payed for by people -

Feb -

2 Tim 3: 1-3 (In the last days perilous times will come)

Eph. 5: 6 -

Meth. Adult Teacher - Jan 1964

Bible.

"Myth of National Sovereignty"
"In fact" - President = United Nations

Sources of Christian Morality

Guide lines - ? Nationalistic C.

Tangible Ref. points - ? Nationalistic C.

(God & Bible only source)

The coming just church -
We are supporting it whether
you know it or not -

1950 FCC had 2 Legion

1940-62? Perhaps ours here -
FCC - see - Fed. Govt. have more
Control over radio & TV,
Sen. Humphrey - (N.Y. Times)

Churches - all denominations -
are responsible for Civil Rights -
& Bapt. Denominations - Joint
Comm. on public affairs -

J.C.C. founders Civil Disobedience
to stimulate students to
violate laws - not right -
Change laws in Constitutional
manner as is the custom in our
Country -

for: St. Louis Rights -

War on Poverty - exploit
the poor so they will vote
for them on election day -
I will find none of Jesus
Christ - forced out of my
pocket again in name of God -
party -

You cannot legislate love between
Black & white &
Trouble down here is with
pulpit - These things should
be handled from ^{the} Throne
God -

Revolution in Delta - has to be
stopped by people in the pulpit.

ZCC wants more control over
Radio & TV - then there will be no
more McIntyre -

~~"From such - turn away"~~
~~so many fundamentalists~~
~~so filled with love, they~~
~~love Devil~~

Ramone Castro -
Win Cold War -

Ephesians 1: 5

1. Adoption - ("Placing as a son")
not so much a word of relationship
as of position -

Believers relation to God as a child
results from the new birth
John 1: 12, 13

whereas -

adoption is the act of God whereby
one already a child of God is,
through redemption from the law,
placed in the position of an
adult son - Gal. 4: 1-5.

but the full manifestation of the believers
sonship awaits the resurrection,
change & translation of saints
called "the redemption of the body"
Rom 8: 23

"where We Wonder Why" Gen. 37: 17-28 (37-50)

Golden Text: Rom. 11: 33

The sunset of Jacob's life -

Hard to decide which of the two
is the more wonderful & blessed -
the grace of God which has given
the believer a perfect standing
in Christ, — or the

Grace which ever bears with
the believer who fails so
miserably in making his
state correspond with his standing.

Which is the more remarkable -
that, my sins are all put away
forever - or that in His dealings
God treats so leniently with
my sins as a saint? Though

It is true we reap
as we sow, it also remains
true concerning believers
that God "hath not dealt
with us after our sins,
nor rewarded us according
to our iniquities"

Psa. 103: 10

Numbers 23: 26

He hath not beheld iniquity
in Jacob, neither hath He
seen perverseness in Israel

The prophet does not say
that iniquity & perverseness
were not in Jacob - That
would not give the believer
confidence - which is the very
thing God desires to give -
It could never assure
our hearts to be told
there was no sin in us -
we know too well there is -

What I am to rest in is
the wondrous fact that God
sees no sin on me -
that gives thy conscience
peace. God saw no
perverseness & iniquity
on Israel because He
looked at them as under
the Blood of the Lamb.

And why is it that
God sees no sin on believers?

Background of people in Galatia = Gauls or Celts. Classical writers describe character: "The infirmity of the Gauls is that they are fickle in their resolve & fond of change, & not to be trusted"

Chief characteristic seems to have been their fickleness.

In this letter Paul shows that the gospel which he preached was not of men - but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

This Epistle was written in defense of the gospel.

Paul defended his own apostolic authority.

After this he proceeded to expose the error embraced by the Galatians.

This error had 2 forms:

1. That obedience to the law is mingled with faith as ground of the sinner's justification.

2. That the justified believe is made perfect by keeping the Law.

Gal. 1: 6 - 9

In Paul's other letters - note
of thanksgiving - none in
this letter to Galatians -

He is in no thankful mood -

He is disturbed -

that they should so quickly
without thinking - be led
astray in their beliefs by
these false teachers -

They did not give time
& thoughts to both sides -

In our hurried age we need to
give much time to study of
God's word & prayer before
we make decisions - especially
when our decisions have
to do with Christian truth and
satanic error -

I John 4: 1

Going Home

Dr. R. G. Lee - "My old aunt Harriet - colored mammy who had waited on my mother when all of her 8 children were born -

Time came when "Mam Lindy" as my mother called her - why I never found out - time came for Mam Lindy to go home - as my mother stood by her bed crying & with her white hands smoothed the pillows where Mam Lindy's face rested - Mam Lindy looked up & said - I don't cry, honey ~~Time just changed~~ this old wooden worn out wagon for a chariot of gold" Couldn't find a better description of home going of a Christian -

Biggest Communist party outside of Russia & Red China is found in Roman Catholic Italy - (where should be least, if Rom. Cath. is such a defense against Com.). Approx $\frac{1}{3}$ voters in Italy are Com. as are $\frac{1}{4}$ of those of France. Survey past 15 years Com. has made its greatest gains in Rom. Cath. nations - both in Europe & Latin America - while Protestant nations = US, Britain, Canada, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark have been its most effective opponents.

Sunday School Lessons

"Who has the answers"

Job 28: 20-28
James 1: 1-8

Job - 1st of Poetical Books - include
Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of
Solomon, and Lamentations.

Job - a poetic drama - is the
unfolding of a solemn story of
suffering. This actual story of
a real person - James 5: 11
(Ezekiel 14: 14, 20)

Writer

Not known - Suggested: Moses,
Ezra, Solomon, Job, + Elihu
Elihu seems likely (Job 32:16)

Date

Not known - possible he knew
Jacob - Was written before
Exodus it would seem as no
reference to it.

1. Length of Job's life places him
with the patriarchs. Job 42:16
2. Job acted as high priest in
his family.
3. Elihu was descendant
of Esau's ~~eldest~~ son. (Gen 36:10)

Purpose

1. why do the righteous suffer?
not primary teaching.
2. Refute the slanders of Satan
3. Reveal Job to himself
4. Teach patience & Job patient?

Primary Purpose

To teach repentance
God picked the best man that
ever lived (except Christ)

I showed that this man needed
to repent -

men choose worst man
who repents as illustration

God chose best man &
showed that he repented
Job 42: 5, 6.

Outline:

I Prologue, chs. 1-2 (Prose)

1. Scene 1 - In the land of Uz -
Job in prosperity & sedentary

1: 1-5

2. Scene 2: - In Heaven - Satan
comes into presence of God, and
slanders God & Job. Job, 1: 6-12

3. Scene 3 - In the land of Uz - Job loses children & wealth J: 13 - 22
4. Scene 4 - In Heaven - Job & Satan 2:1 - 6
5. Scene 5 - In the land of Uz - Job loses his health, sympathy of wife, and understanding of friends 2: 7 - 13

Dialogue Chs. 3: 1 - 42: 6 II (Poetry)

1. Job vs. Eliphaz the Temonite, Bildad the Shuhite, Zophar the Naamathite, chs. 3: 1 - 32: 1
2. Job vs. Elihu 32: 2 - 37: 24
3. Jehovah vs. Job

Epilogue, ch. 42: 1 - 17 III Prose
Job's blessings multiplied.

Who Has the Answers!

Scientific Knowledge (Job 28:1-14)
lists scientific achievements of men,
Science can never satisfy
spiritual needs of men.

Wealth - 28: 15-19 cannot secure
wisdom -

where shall wisdom be found? 12 - 20 -
v. 23 - Ans in v. 28.

Fear of the Lord is wisdom & to
depart from evil is understanding"

Fear!? Reverence - Reverence -

God share wisdom

Apr. 16.

When Things Go Wrong

Job 1-2; 19: 13-26; James 1: 12-15

1st Act - presents a challenge made by Satan & accepted by God -

Second Act: Job 2: 1-10

God praises Job's goodness -

Satan unimpressed -

Satan portrayed Job as a gambler

Let Job lose all he had & he would

forsake God -

Questions? in midst of Tragedy -

why Job suffer -

Held in long & tempt by friends -

Ridiculed by wife

He pondered cause of his suffering

Climax

Proverbs

Writer: Solomon also writer of Ecclesiastes & Songs of Solomon -

Proverbs: Book on wisdom

Eccel: Book on Folly

Song of Sol: Book on love -

Key verse: Proverbs 1: 7

Proverbs has 3 kinds of parallelism.

(written mostly in couplets - the 2 clauses of the couplet generally related to each other by what is termed parallelism)

1. Synonymous Parallelism: - Second clause restates what is given in the first clause.
Example: Prov. 19: 29

2. Antithetic (Contrast) parallelism -

Truth stated in 1st clause - made stronger in second - by contrast with an opposite truth.

Prov. 13: 9

3. Synthetic Parallelism -

The second clause develops the thought of the first

Prov. 20: 12

May 21

"With All Your Might"

Prov. 6: 6-9

With chapt. 7 Prov. series of 8 warnings

1. 6: 1-5 Do not make hasty promises to debts of others -

2- 6: 6-11 Avoid sins of idleness (Beautifully worded exhortation)

3- 6: 12-15 Warnings against lying

4- 6: 16 - Warning against slattery.

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Sin

CERPENT

Standing or
Position
of the Believer

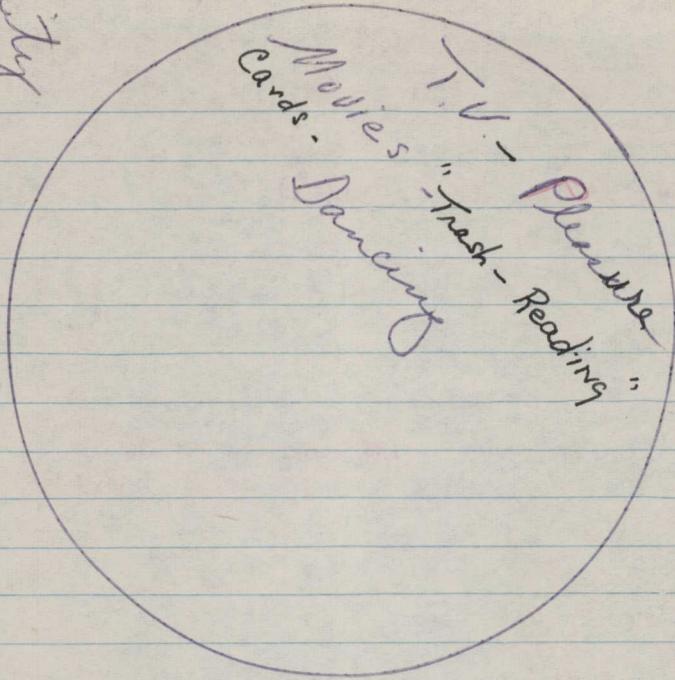
State or
Walk of the
Believer

1. Result of work of Christ. "Nothing the believer can do will add anything to his finished work of salvation."

Prov. 2: 1 - 4 Seek Wisdom

5 - 8 (Repeat Job's lesson)
9 Promises Wisdom

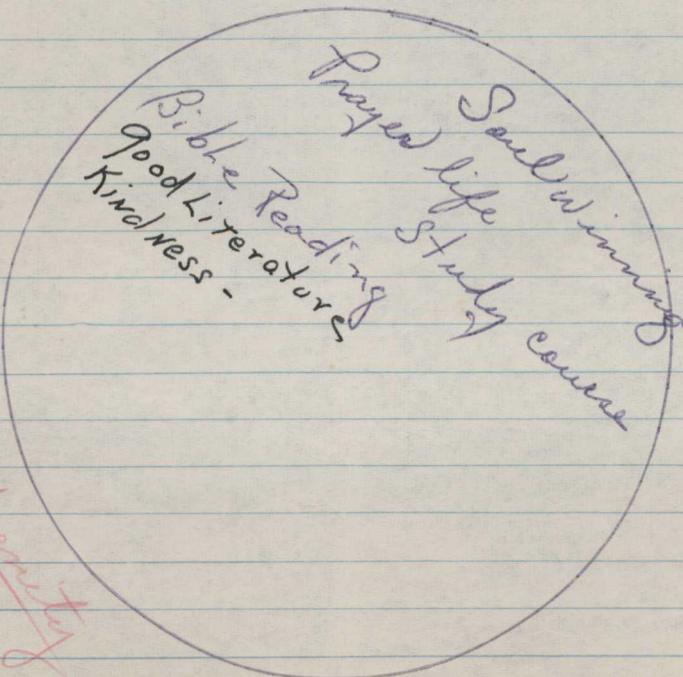
Voluntary
Vocation
Vocation



True

Vicars

Pray & Life



Excellency

June 4

Ecclesiastes 1: 12-18; 3: 1-4; 5

"what's it all about?" ^{John 16: 23}

Each one must answer for himself the question "What is life all about?"

On the basis of this decision, we can grow toward genuine maturity, or we can simply grow older.

Maturity enables a Christian to handle the problems of everyday living -

Aim to attain maximum Christian maturity.

I Vanity & vexation - Ecc. 1:12-14

II Life & Death Ecc. 3: 1, 2

III Sickness & ~~Health~~ + Health Ecc. 3: 3, 5

IV Gain & Loss - Ecc. 3: 6, 7

V War & Peace Ecc. 3: 8

VI Labor & Profit - Ecc. 3: 9

June 12
Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8
If I Tim 4: 7, 8
Two views of life -

while evil days come not - I have
no pleasure in them

*before the heart is hardened
& bad habits of life become fixed*

The cynic, gospel hardened, &
'self-dependent' person does not
grow old graciously - becomes
Cantankerous & lets
everyone know it

Dorcas - Woman of Good Works

1. Living for Christ Acts 9: 36

Pulpit in life

a disciple ^(Gentile) Rom 12: 1, 2

is what Dorcas lived -

Joppa - Modern Jaffa - was a
flourishing seaport town & is
today for the modern Israeli Nation
a Church already established - 9:38

Dorcas dead in an Upper Chamber ^{to} 9:37

Dorcas Presented ^{III} Alive

9:38 - .

Dorcas - a Testimony for Christ ^{IV}

Acts 9: 34, 35 9: 42, 43

^{John 10: 31}
Known all over Joppe
Peter carrying my day - Jopp
preaching

Area

In Sickness & In Health
Song of Wisdom of Zion Acts 9:36 - 43
In Memoriam

These types of Opportunities

God's use of seemingly small & insignificant things

Walt - young man - with
armed forces - serve
as witness to dying men -
6 wks - fasted & slept on
only soap & water
Christ in 6 wks

Los Angeles - group girls
wrapped tracts in
Calvary Transformed paper
hospitals & walked the
streets distributing them
to people
They dressed in
athletic costumes,
as a new approach
Being a missionary

Nov. 5

Growth in Christian Concern

Matt. 25: 31-46

Col. 3: 1-6

Ad 33

Mynt of Olives -

Note - Basis of Christ's judgement of those who came before Him was their attitude toward and treatment of others.

A deep concern for Christ Himself will manifest itself in a visible and practical concern for the welfare of others.

When love of Christ takes over ones life - that love pours out in expressions of kindness to others -

Thrilling to know that Christ accepts these deeps & this concern for others as having been rendered unto Himself.

I nations decided before the Lord of Glory
Matt 25: 31-33

It is nations - not Jews - not church
Division: -

Unrighteous Righteous
at Lord of Glory - not - Servant of Calvary
Divine of judgement - not - Mercy
He exercises justice rather than Grace and
and power rather than mercy
King Lord

holy angels with Him - Jude 1: 14 - 15
Joel (3: 1, 2) also writes of this
judgement upon the Gentile
nations.

It is 2nd phase of the 3rd advent
when Christ comes to the earth
with His bride - the church

He shall sit upon the throne of
His Glory -

'All nations shall be gathered before Him —
This passage has to do with the
judgement of the Gentiles.

Matt 25: 1-30 — deals w/ the judgement
of Israel —

These 2 judgements are not to be
confused with great white throne
or judgement of fallen angels —

23rd Psalm.....

No more familiar passage of Scripture than this.

The first verse of the Psalm presents a very present help in time of trouble when, on prayer meeting night the pastor suddenly asks his congregation for a verse of Scripture... Someone immediately will spring up and say "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.." before someone else gets it.

Many who quote this so glibly do not know what it really means because their lives are a ~~wilderness of want~~... What they really mean is "The Lord is my SAVIOUR, and I am glad He is." One may know the Lord as Saviour and know almost nothing of Him as Shepherd, as revealed in this marvelous Psalm.

The New Test. reveals the Lord Jesus as exercising a threefold Shepherd ministry.

John 10:11 He calls Himself the "Good Shepherd" and declares that "The Good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

In Heb. 13: 20 the inspired writer calls the Lord "That Great Shepherd of the sheep" He Became the Great Shepherd through being brought again from the dead."

I Peter 5:4 the Lord Jesus is called the "Chief SHEPHERD" and Peter declares that He becomes the Chief Shepherd in His second coming when He shall give to His own "a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

This threefold shepherd ministry of Christ is beautifully set forth in the TRIPLET PSALMS, PSA. 22, 23 and 24.

Psa. 22... the Good Shepherd in DEATH

Psa. 23... The GREAT Shepherd in LIFE

Psa. 24... The CHIEF Shepherd in His SURE RETURN.

Read Psa. 22... literal word picture of the death of the SON OF GOD by crucifixion details... garments parted.. lots cast upon vesture, pierced hands and feet....

GOOD SHEPHERD giving His life for His sheep...

PSALM 23...presents the Lord Jesus in his present ministry... every verb is present tense....something He is doing for me NOW
Psa 22 he did something for me once and forever that He will never have to do again..He died for my sins.....

There is something about this old sinful heart of mine that makes it necessary to have Somebody up in heaven to keep it right. Every day every hour, every moment I have to have Someone living FOR me and IN me, who can crucify every evil thought and act and keep me in a place of usableness before a holy God. JESUS is the only one who can do that.

Never forget CALVARY.. that is the foundation upon which the house is built... without the foundation the house cannot be built... but the house goes on up to beautiful completion.
The appeal in Psa 23 is to move on from Calvary into a fresher, richer, deeper, sweeter experience of an increasing knowledge of what the risen Shepherd wants to do for him here and now.

Psa 24 introduces us to the same blessed Person again, but in His ministry as the CHIEF SHEPHERD. "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Now Jesus did not go back to heaven as KING, but as PRIEST.... Find His ministry represented as PROPHET..PRIEST...AND KING.
As Prophet... came from God to the people..
As Priest,, he went back from the people to God....
As KING... He will reign some day.

As prophet...He told to the people the story of Gods love... in scarlet letters of agony written in His own blood....

As Priest he ^wnt into the presence of God for
His people ... there to live for them and in
them... and to lead them into the fullness of
daily supply...

This is the story of Psa 23.....

One of these days the Priest will arise from the
Mercy Seat in Heaven and will lay aside His
priestly robes.... His priestly ministry will be
over. The two-edged sword will flash from His
mouth, fire will leap from His eyes, His feet will
become like burnished brass, and upon His thigh
will be written the name King of Kings and
Lord of lords. ...

Psa 23 is the highest, widest, most glorious
experience into which it is possible for God to
lead a born-again believer this side of Heaven.

Give ~~him~~ in our ALL

Rajah - Peasant boy -
Rica - gold pieces

One does not have to be engaged in gross worldliness to get out of touch with the Saviour... ~~perfectly legitimate~~
Perfectly legitimate things can do that to us.
The teacher... duties cause her to be fretful and forgetful of Christ..

PREACHER... burden of sermon preparation and pastoral duties can do same thing....

MARTHA.... duties of fixing lunch for four people....fretful because Mary did not help.... Accepted her rebuke from the Lord..."Mary hath chosen the better part..."

Find her in the 12th of John getting dinner all by herself again... But this time she prepared for a company which probably numbered 25 or 30.. No record of irritability or short temper... Learned how to carry the presence of the Lord Jesus into the many duties of her kitchen... Lunch for 4 WITHOUT Him was a burdensome "thing" Dinner for 30 with HIM was a joy.

A preacher one day, who loved to work with children, was speaking to a Sunday School in the church of a fellow pastor... asked any children present who could quote the 23rd Psalm... Among several hand raised was that of little girl four and a half years old...The preacher said ...are you sure you can quote it.... she said yes and was asked to come to the platform...She did and faced the audience... She said:
"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I want."

Well, she had said it all....

With this quotation of the little girl in mind lets think about a few of the gems in the 23rd Psalm....

"The Lord is my Shepherd; therefore, I shall not want for REST "He maketh me to like down in green pastures " v2.

Day of extreme weariness... Minds tired..bodies tired.. hearts tires...Nerves tired... Everything about us is tired and exhausted... Joy and sorrow, Laughter and tears..Hate and love Fear and courage..All these seem to be engaged in a head-on collisions within this little thing we call "ME" and we are tired enough to drop....

Sunday School Lesson

Growth in Knowledge of God

Matt 5: 17-20, 38-48. John 16: 12-15

Relationship to God

Bible Text: Matt. 22: 37, 39

Matt 5 - "Sermon on the Mount"

Some erroneous applications of this sermon.

1. To unsaved = not given to unregenerate. Some seek to apply these teachings to unsaved as a means of salvation. "You will be all right if you keep the golden rule". These teachings were directed to the disciples 5:1, and can only be kept by those who have the spirit of God in them.

These are no human standard

2. To Christians - Others hold that this Sermon on Mt - is the sum total highest expression of evangelical Christianity. No, ~~not~~ sum total of the gospel - more than that.

It is literal fulfillment for the Jew in the millennial kingdom - but spiritual principles are taught here. Are applicable to Christians today -

God has no double standard
Certain basic principles that
apply to all OT and NT

The Law & the Christian =

1. Two principles or system of life

a The law The basic principles
Matt 5:45 of service & then Blessings
"If you will do good
will bless you"

Under law - One serves
God in order to obtain God's ^{light}
favor with Him - One
strives to become accepted!
render Grace: Blessing - then service

Since God has blessed us with all
spiritual blessing in Christ =
Therefore we should do good!
"we are children of light"

Eph 5:8
We serve God because we have been
obtained favor with Him -
not in order to obtain it -

2. The Christians relation to the Law:

Believers not under law - but
Under grace

He is dead to the law -
redeemed from it

Righteousness of the law is fulfilled
in us who walk after the Spirit

Rom 8: 4

Christians life is the Christ life

Gal 2: 20

He is the end of the law to all who
believe

Rom 10: 4
The law our school master to
bring us to Christ -

Gal 3: 24, 25

Law shows us how rebellious man is -
some say it we are

This taught - 1 Cor 9: 19 - 21

Paul no longer

1. under law

2. without law

3. but indwelled to Christ -

he was abiding in Christ's law,
so should we -

These are the precepts of grace

Hebrews

Author - unknown - Paul most likely -
Peter 3:15 =

Two important questions dealt with:

- a. The Divine-human Nature of Jesus Christ as our Mediator & High Priest
- b. The relationship between the Old Covenant and the New -

Jesus was Son of God - & no created being - He was God, Himself - 2nd person of the Trinity, yet as our mediator. He was a true human being - who partook of flesh & blood that He might qualify as a representative of the fallen race of mankind at the place of judgement on Golgotha -

(Paul) knowing the Jewish beliefs had to write to them & prove all of this from the Old Test - covenant

Jewish background -
hard to remove very traditional training -

Lessons on faith -

a disciplined faith

Discipline = Training

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Need of Discipline = Heb 10: 23-25

These Hebrews were Christians
needed training -

SS Lesson - July 1-1962
Too Little - Too Late

Kings 21: 9-12 II Chron. 33: 1-9

Hezekiah - II Kings 18 -

Began reign age 25 & reigned 29 yrs
"Did that which was right in
the sight of the Lord" -

Manasseh - II Kings 21 - Began 12 yrs old -

Reigned 55 yrs - "Evil in
sight Lord" Built up "high places"
which his father had torn down -

Amon (II Kings 21: 19) - Began 22 yrs old

reigned 2 yrs - Evil in sight Lord.
His servants slew him -

Josiah - II Kings 22: . Began 8 yrs
old "Did that which right -"

Reigned 31 yrs

He came 57 yrs. after Hezekiah

Visitor: Mrs. Frances Tellums

513 Cox St -

Hilbert Ark

Heeded For Disaster

SD Lesson July 8.

Jeremiah 19: 21 25: 1 - 14

1. The Prophet Jer. 25: 1 - 3

Jeremiah was called as a young man. He hesitated because he thought he was too young for the responsibility, but God assured Jeremiah of his protection & deliverance. God fully equipped & prepared Jeremiah for his difficult task - Jer 1: 17 - 19

2. The Preaching Jer 25: 4 - 7

3. The Punishment Jer. 25: 8 - 11

3. The Punishment Jer 25: 8-11

Moses - led children of Israel out of Egypt - (40 years getting to Promised Land.) Israel at Mt Sinai -

Law given - Exodus 19 - 40 Directions given for building the Tabernacle -

Directions for priesthood God himself was they the ruler -

The King - Theocracy

Wilderness wanderings should be studied Lev - Numbers -

Death of Moses

Joshua had been appointed to take over leadership after Moses' death - He led the people over the Jordan River into Promised land -

Read Joshua

Period of the Judges [Deut. 7:1,2
Judges 1, 2, destroy people inhabiting Canaan

outlined -

1. Rebellion Against God - Jud 1: 1-3:6
2. Revival from God - n 3:7 - 16:31
3. Rejection by God. 17: - 21:25

Samuel was the last Judge
Because of disobedience to God
the people wanted a king like
nations round about.

Numbers 33: 51 - 55

Noe 13: 9 - 11
told why they asked for a king &
why God gave their request

Saul Not God's Choice - People
he was disobedient
died a suicide

David

Solomon

Rehoboam - listened to young men to
make his rule harder than Solomons
Ten of tribes said we will
erect another kingdom & secede
from house of Judah -
from King Rehoboam

A young man named
Jeroboam was called from
Egypt to be king and kingdom
called Israel set up
in northern part of the
Promised Land.

Jeroboam - King

Israel - Northern Kingdom -

Command of God to go to Jerusalem twice each year to worship in Temple - King was fearful they would be drawn together again by their religious sacrifices etc. He set up two places for their worship. King made Israel to sin. Sin was attempting to come before God in a place other than that which He had commanded. Salvation in Christ no substitute - world would sub. other things

~~Re~~ ~~Jeroboam - King~~ after Jeroboam - came 19 kings ending with Hoshea. Represented nine different families

~~Jeroboam - King~~
~~Kingdom~~
~~Kingdom~~

after Jeroboam - there came 20 kings ending with

~~3~~ ~~Ezekiel~~ These 20 kings were all members of one dynasty - that of David. This was according to God for He had declared that thru line of David would come His (God's) King who would reign forever over Judah

Deportation of Israel

(2 Kings 17)

They turned away from God - gradually
Prophets - to no avail -

Shalmaneser leader of Assyrians
captures Israel - scattering
them throughout Assyria
"Lost ten tribes"
not lost from sight of God

Deportation of Judah:

2 Kings 25

Continued over 100 years after
deportation of Israel - but she
would not learn from Israel's sins
- not be warned by Prophets.
Continued in idolatry

Nebuchadnezzar King of

Babylon

Took them into Captivity.

Judah restored after 70
years Captivity

Israel's restoration yet in
the future

Prophets in Judah before
the Captivity -

Joel - Isaiah -
Micah - Nahum - Zephaniah
Jeremiah (weeping prophet)
Habakkuk -

(Prophets during captivity: Daniel
Ezekiel - Obadiah -

Prophets after captivity Haggai =
Zechariah - Malachi -
Read in connection with Ezra & Nehemiah

{ Jeremiah - prophet, began in 13th yr of reign
of Jehoiakim = King Josiah

Jeremiah - warned the people Chapt 25:
Attitude of people found in v.s.
3 - 4 - 7 + idea in v.8

Mrs. Somerford -

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Facing a Hard Situation:

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"Tidings of Comfort and Joy"

Isaiah 40: 1-5 52: 7-9

2nd - 410 B.C.

Golden Text Isa. 52: 7

The first 39 chapters of Isaiah look forward to the captivities, remaining chapters look beyond the captivities to the glorious millennial kingdom. Style of writing different

Book of Isaiah naturally divided into two parts with a historical parenthesis between these two parts. 1st - Chaps. 1 - 35 2nd 40 - 66 while 36 - 39 is historical parenthesis.

In the first part he was announcing judgement on Israel -

In the second he promised comfort - all as he was dictated to by the Holy Spirit

It is easy to be meek and mild when you have a message as wonderful as the things that are to come (interspersed with a "Hallelujah" sometimes)

What is God like?

We are taught some very fundamental things about God -
A few things God is not!

1. God cannot be represented by an idol of silver, gold, stone, or any other material. We dare not represent Him this way. - Acts 17: 29
2. We cannot worship God by bringing to Him any material substance as though He needed it. vs 25
3. We must have no idea that the divine creator dwells in any earthly temple or is confined to any earthly habitation as it - So many have utterly false notions about God.

Study the character of God as we see Him revealed in His own holy word.
God is a Spirit!
He is the one & only Creator of the world & all things in it.
He made man, & established the bounds of his dwelling.

He is Omnipresent - near to everyone
of us.

Perfect in His character -
in righteousness - Mercy -
Justice and love.

Mighty in Power!

Glorious in all His acts -
Worthy of the eternal praise
men.

why the Bible?

The Bible is a Rock of Diamonds, a chain of pearls, the sword of the Spirit - a chart by which the Christian sailor to eternity - the map by which he walks daily - the sundial by which he sets his life - the balance in which he weighs his actions.

1. Why did God give us the Bible?
2. Why does it matter what I believe about the Bible?
3. Why should I personally know the Bible?

I

II Tim. 3: 15 } I
 I Peter 1: 23 } Luke 8: 11 Holy Spirit uses the Word
 of God in achieving the salvation of a person
 Only Guidebook for living the Christian life - Book of life + Book for life!

Psa 119: 130 - wisdom

19: 11 warning

119: 11 prevention of sin
 9 cleansing

165 Peace

Bible is God's training manual
for Christian service. II Tim. 3:16
"for child training in righteousness"

II

You must believe the Bible - God's word
whether you understand or not
nobody understands all the Bible mysteries
but Christian accept the truth & trust the
Holy Spirit to teach him the
scriptures deeper meaning -

III

As ~~protestants~~ N.T. Christians
we believe God will
speak to us directly thru
the Bible, where He has revealed
all truth that is necessary
for salvation.

Sword of Spirit will
not cut — Word of God
will be unheard — unless
each person makes an effort
to listen & then translates
into living reality these great
truths which our God
teaches thru His living Word

God speaks to us through His Holy Scripture. We must listen if we are to get the message.

1. Faith in the Bible is essential.

God's Holy inspired word -

2. Don't expect to understand everything at once.

Anything worthwhile requires effort, discipline, & practice.

3. Read the Bible every day following some sort of program.

As you study systematically you will soon learn to locate what you want when you need it.

4. Read from more than one translation as a supplement to your regular Bible.

Visitors: Mr. Jean Mysone
15 MacArthur St -

Ms Jessie McMullen
19 MacArthur St -

3. They cont'd steadfastly in the
brecking of bread - ~~of~~ ^{of}
Sacred Ordinance of their supper

4. They cont'd steadfastly in prayer
They went to prayer meeting
Prayer is an expression of dependence
when the people of God really
feel their need you will find
them coming together to pray.

Dec 7-19 Pearl Harbor.

Church full of people - See if
the early Christian cont'd steadfastly
in prayer. And the outsider
noticed it.

3

Acts 2: Peter preached - 3000 souls added to company of Christians
Peter had told them to "separate themselves from this ungodly generation"

Fellowship of Saints - Acts 2: 42

1. Cont'd steadfastly in the apostles doctrine - found where the Word of God was opened up & taught
2. Cont'd steadfastly in apostles teaching and fellowships, we need each other - "Grace of our Jesus Christ, the love of God & communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all" Meant by Comm - of Holy Spirit - God working in your heart & mine helping us to enjoy the things of God together - in the power of the Holy Spirit -

Luke 15:1-2 The murmering Pharisees -

Jesus came to get involved with sinners -

He loved the lost - Math. 18:11 "for the Son of Man came to save that which was lost"

v 3: "This parable" = One parable = Parable of Lost Possessions" = Three pictures - (in one frame)

The Lost Sheep - the Lost Silver - The Lost Son

IN all 3 insts. = CONCERN - over lost - all were worth saving - Joy at recovery:

The lost Sheep 11-7

serious to -

valuable =

Christ the Good Shep -



Silver 8-10

worse

worst of all

More valuable = most valuable =

Holy Spirit - God - Divine Father

(working thru His church)

(Love / to seek & save lost)



The Three Persons of the Trinity linked together
all three used in salvation -

All three pictures linked together -

Shows God's great concern over the recovery of the lost

The key to the parable hangs on
the front door - Luke 15:2

As Jesus neared the end of His public ministry the publicans and sinners (outcasts from Israel) - were drawn to Him and He to them -

His just denunciation of the Pharisees gave them courage to approach Him -

The sinners knew they were sinners and needed to be saved -

The Pharisee -

Luke 18: asked nothing and received nothing -

Jesus portrayed in His parable the effort of the Trinity to seek and to save them -

Luke 15: 3 - 7 The Lost Sheep

The shepherd = "The Great Shepherd" - Jesus Christ -

He had 100 sheep - one got lost -
Shepherd would not be satisfied w/ 99 sheep -
He went after the lost one -

Shoulders - place of strength -

v. 6 - Rejoicing - "Do I not have right to seek the lost one & rejoice over finding it?" -

v. 7 - "Likewise" Salvation = Reward of Christ's sacrifice on Cross -

The Lost Coin - 8-10

Row of coins - headband -

Coins - Valuable -

Woman - depicts - Holy Spirit whose ministry is to make sure that no one who belongs to the Bridegroom will be present for the wedding - Every coin will be in place - all are valuable to Him -

Coin lost - negligence & indifference
Lost in home - Church -

v. 9 - we give the Light of the Word to reveal to lost their condition -

10 likewise"

3rd Picture - lost Son Most beautiful
story

Luke 15: 11 -

Lovely home - two sons

Younger - Left home - See Life - out
"yonder"

Picture the far country

want End deprivation led to Repentance
End then to Forgiveness

Forgiveness out Repentance ?

Got down to pig pen = bottom -

at - "give me" -

then - "MAKE ME"

at home - away from home -

Back home -

the father: Heavenly Father

the son = "prodigal" - are all prodigal
in rags? & gutter? -

silks and satin -

far country - may be far
in countries rather than miles -

Even a church man may be
an exile from the Father's house -

Suffering of } the shepherd
} woman -
} father is home

after 1st - likewise
+ 2nd - likewise

3rd picture: did not say this -

Did Son Leave home as a
wild - rebellious boy?
Why son so long returning?
Pride -

Critical elder brother -
Critical Christians - ?

Remember the key to the
parable? ✓ - 2

Hard hearted Pharisees

why son

Unit Purpose: Learn what Jesus taught about;

Unselfish Service - authentic prayer -

Forgiving love - responsible stewardship -

try to apply them in personal life try
daily living -

Unit Topic: Jesus Teaches His Way

Possible learning outcomes:

1. To discover that to be great is to serve humbly and sacrificially -
2. To discover God and ourselves, try the importance of faith and perseverance in prayer.
- 3 - To lay hold of God's highest willingness
to bless -
4. To express to others the same kind of suffering love we have experienced
- 5 - To experience the reality of saving by giving away
- 6 - To recognize that God's ownership should mean a vital expression of stewardship in all of life.

First of four lessons on:
"Jesus Teaches His Way"

3/6/77

Today: "The Way of Unselfish Service"

(Luke 10:1-16 & 25-37)

Focal: Mark 10:35-45

Mark 10:35 - Request of John and James

Read (vv. 32(c) - 34.) What Jesus had just told them - Surprising? Selfish?

Note

What Jesus did not do. He could have given them a verbal spanking -

Don't be too severe on them -

See - an expression of faith in their request

Jesus had spoken of death - but also of resurrection - He had told them of His glorious Kingdom -

He had warned them of sacrifice but also of rewards.

The disciples believed that He would soon establish His kingdom ~~but~~ they were concerned with what their status would be.

Jesus did not condemn their desire to be great - but -

He takes the occasion to teach His disciples the law of true greatness - different

from World's greatness.

Rulers over others - Financial Wizards etc.
Leaders may appoint certain people to

high offices - "Political back scratch
trap" we call it

Different with followers of Christ -
Those are the greatest who are
of the most service to others -

In Mark chs 1 - 10 he wrote how
Jesus came to minister

Last six chpts = he tells how Jesus gave
His life a ransom for many.

All that He did is a motive for service

Are we Christians because we serve?

We serve ^{others} because we are Christians.

Mk.10:35- "Blank check" request - - -

Were the other ten equally concerned as to their status in the coming Kingdom?
All the opposition to Christ had not weakened their faith in His messianic glory -

v. 36 - He often asked this question - (v. 51)

Why? He knew what they were thinking -

Men need to define what they really want - Jesus allowed these men to not only reveal their ambitions but also to betray their spiritual shallowness and ignorance - pride & jealousy -

37- Seat of honor -

38- 39: James - died by the sword - John was exiled - but they were not ready for this -

"Cup" Our Lord's cup was the cup of anguish that He would drink on the cross -

The unspeakable suffering which was to pass over Him at Calvary ^{God turn His back on me} (Matt 26:39 -) Garden of Gethsemane Peter ^{James & John} could not stay awake while their Lord went into the garden to pray. Sweet as it were - great drops of blood -

40 Prepared of the Father -

Rewards are merited - earned - after salvation - Places of honor not by appointment or through influence -

Rewards for work well done for Master -

Were James & John - only two of twelve with these ambitions? They were equally concerned as to their positions - James & John ~~wanted a blank check request?~~ on Jesus favor - v. 35

Don't overlook their continued faith in His messianic glory -

v. 36 - He often asked this question v. 51
why???

Men need to define what they really want
Jesus allowed the men ^{to do} not only reveal their ambitions but also to betray their spiritual shallowness and ignorance (also pride & jealousy)

v. 37 - Seats of honor

v. 38 - You don't know what you ask

When they say they are able to endure - He explains the positions are not matters of appointment but are earned - Achievement - not secured by influence (today) but by Merit -

Your rewards in heaven will be merited so also the highest places in His Kingdom are prepared for those who deserve them

~~The disciples could not have stood the suffering Jesus did - although they did suffer - James - died by sword. John was exiled -~~

Those places -- etc -

"is not mine to give, except to those for whom it is prepared by my Father."

Christ will give rewards to His
Followers, but only to such as should be entitled to them according to the purpose of His Father.

42 - 44 Another teaching session for His disciples -

⑬ "Minister" - A servant. original word = "deacon" meaning a servant of any kind; one especially who served tables - in the New Test = one who serves the church -

"Preachers" of the Gospel = "Ministers" because they are servants of God and of the church - an office which forbids them to lord it over God's heritage - but demands the very lowest degree of humility

④ 45 Jesus an example -

Phil. 2: 6-7 Greatness Personified ⁵ ⁹ Mk 10:45

Jesus did not seek to acquire a reputation. He came to minister to others

A Ransom for many - a price paid to free a slave -

42 = Called the disciples to Him for another teaching lesson —

43. Not so with you -
"Servant" -

44 — 'Bond slave' —

Note

Not once in the New Test. is a Christian called a slave by God or Jesus Christ. It is the Christians title for themselves, expressing their deep sense of indebtedness or surrender toward the Lord who bought them —

Paul: - "I Paul - a bond slave of --"

Luke 10: Gives us some wonderful illustrations of humility and service - 1-16 - Be careful to give God the glory for any success - The Good Samaritan — Familiar —

Notes The Good Samaritan

"Behold" - in Scripture demand attention -
There is a treasure here - don't miss it!!
The "danger" here? familiarity with the
story - The Good Samaritan!!!
Told only in Luke

Lessons we have always learned -
Who is my Neighbor? Some
people rest their hope of eternal life
on their "do good to others" - forgetting
that no man except our blessed Lord
ever truly loved his Neighbor as
himself.

We recognize that Jesus was
seeking to awaken the Lawyer's
conscience as to his responsibility
to his neighbor - but there was
something far more than that in His
mind -

Parable - a / Samaritan - was
to show a lawyer his need of a Savior
Lawyer - trying to maintain his
own righteousness & did not recognize
his lost condition.

Lawyer's question - "What shall I do - "
not a sincere inquirer - Testing
Jesus - on Law of Moses
which declared that he who obeyed
its precepts should live

'Lawyer' = one who interprets the law. He was well versed in Test. Scriptures and should have known that no man could ever obtain eternal life by keeping the Law of Moses. No man has ever kept them perfectly.

Jesus ans. with a? -
He never argued c one who was unreal - a critic - etc
Lk. 10:26 - etc

The lawyer was not convicted - or he would have said 'I am that man on the Jericho road - I am the one who needs 'mercy'

The beaten & robbed man - picture of humanity - fallen humanity dead in trespasses & sin.

Thieves = the devil. John 8:44
Lord said - John 10:8 -
The devil = a thief -
Our Lord was crucified between two Thieves -

Priest = ritualism & ceremonialism which cannot save

Levite = legalism - neither can save

Samaritan - He is the One who told the parable

When legalism - ritualism - Religion -
could not do anything to help
man -

Christ came
He is able to bind up the
broken hearted -

He is able to take the lost immer.
Half-dead, lost in trespasses and sin
and help him put him in a place of safety
The Samaritan paid for the mans
care and said -

I will come again
and make all things right.

Christ will come again & take
us unto Himself -

Parable - Radiant is the beauty
of the Gospel of Christ -

He gave Himself a Ransom for you & me

We are to be His Ministers - Servants -
bond slaves

Jesus calls every Christian
to a deeper commitment to
unselfish service to his fellowman

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"Power for Creative Living"
"Religion Can Be Vital"

Background: The Law

The Law had several meanings:

1. It could have meant the first five books of the O. Test -

The Law ~~and~~ the Prophets - a wider meaning
By time Jesus came "the Law" had come to refer to all the understandings ~~and~~ applications of the Scriptures to life's details.

Meaning of the word:

1. Israel was a nation that had a covenant with the Lord - Read Ex. 19:5 & 24:7 Therefore the people lived with a sense of being obligated to obey the Lord's commands.

2. Meaning of the Hebrew word "Torah" translated as Law. The term's proper meaning is teaching or guide

The Torah (Law) of Moses gave the people a set of teachings to guide them in the proper ways of obeying the Lord.

Included instructions on personal life, proper worship - social or group life as a nation - crime problems.

The Torah was supposed to guide every phase of their life

Moses Law was given to a largely rural, agricultural society. So until the divided Kingdoms, Israel & Judah were destroyed by the Assyrians and Babylonians respectively -

By 582 BC — most of Judah's leaders — taken into exile - Babylonians

Shortly after 540 BC -

Persians had conquered the Babylonians & had begun letting Jews return to Judah to build the Temple.

Life under the Persians = different from what it had been. So Ezra formed a group of men called Scribes — Writers — Readers — Law interpreters of the Law —

to guide the people under a new set of conditions.

First Commentary on the books of the law.

330 BC — Greeks drove out the Persians —

Result = a different form of life Jews had to expand the law to cover a condition that was becoming more urban and commercial

Base: still the written Scriptures
Result: A commentary on the
Commentary -

These interpretations became
Known as the Oral law -

Had to do everything under
every possible condition -

See how the scribes and Pharisees
had come to believe - only way the
Nation of Israel could please God and
prove to be set apart for Him was
to obey these laws in every detail -
or the Lord would reject His people

To Israel -

Keeping the law - a matter
of spiritual and national life or
death!

Jesus revered the Scripture
but because He understood
them - He had a totally
different conviction about
how to serve God.

Moses had taught them that
obedience should be motivated by
love - He was not legalistic -
as Pharisees became -

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An explosive question - "How does man rightly honor God?" Sounds innocent enough! But this simple little question was the direct cause of the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish leaders.

The question led to the Cross and has been the dividing line between Jew and Christian ever since.

Each synoptic Gospel much lists 4 primary points of conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees.

In today's lesson - the passages from Mark & Luke are parallel statements.

They treat 3 of the 4 points -

First point: Jesus' claim of power to forgive paralytic sins. MK. 2:1-12 > our study
Healed - Sins forgiven LU. 5:18-26 > two wks ago.
These incidents show Jesus' view of how a man honors God clashed with the Jew's view.
Each incident made the clash more intense -

This not just a history lesson -

A professed Christian can be just as legalistic as any Jew of Jesus' day.

Let's examine ourselves in the light of the Lord's clear teaching.

What was Jesus teaching?
a vital, personal relationship with God as they deal with others ^{Mark 12:28-31}

Mark 2:13-17 "Freedom of Association"

Jews - taught not to associate with anyone who did not keep the oral law -

Jesus taught: True holiness was a matter of sharing the Spirit of God as His concern for people's real welfare -

Call of Levi - Dinner - more folk talk
This was a regular thing with Jesus.
His critics -

Questions Mk 2:16

Answer - v.17 -

"Freedom To Be Happy" Mk. 2: 18-22

Pharisees had criticized Jesus to his disciples.

Now the Theological students criticized the disciples to Jesus

1. Why don't your disciples fast as the ^{disciples of John,} _{and} the Pharisees in fasting?

Jesus reply - v.19-20.
Fast

Mark 2: 23 - 28

all the Gospels show that Jesus' attitude toward Sabbath-day observance was the most serious single problem for the Jews

They believed - to honor God -
Keep every detail of the sabbath day observance = oral Law

"Rest" = Do nothing for self or anyone else -
"Rest" = forced inactivity -

v. 23. Plucked grain - etc -

v. 28. "Load even of the sabbath --"

• M. 3: 1-6. Freedom to help Another.

This = second illustration of conflict over Sabbath rules
Issue pressed them for an answer -
What kind of a God do you serve?

v. 4 - Do good or harm - save life or kill?

Jesus insisted that the Creator God is not honored by doing nothing -
~~He works constantly to give man~~

v. 5 - Hardness - heart -

They were blind to spiritual truth

v. 6 - This Sabbath conflict -
Sent them out to plot His death

2 Fair points of Conflict

1. Jesus had Company of sinners
2. Jesus did not adhere to legalistic fasting -
3. He ignored some "sabbath" laws
4. Jesus pronounced forgiveness for sins

The one that gave the Jews most difficulty — ? His attitude toward Sabbath observance. This was one of two things that marked a Jew as a Jew — (The other — circumcision)

All Com. are reiterated in New Test.
But not the 4th

This is the only Com - Jesus "bent" from the letter of law -
Murder - steal - etc.
The ceremonial law was done away with

Are we bound by my traditions?
Why SS at 9:30? - Worship at 11⁰⁰ AM?

Tradition - Church & SS set to give rural people time to get cows milked & fed late enough - finish morning

Chores -

Ends Jr. U. at 7 PM -

Preaching 8⁰⁰ PM - Cows didn't know anything about DST

Some churches have had to change time to meet needs of people -

We have preaching 10 AM -

People who have work or bus. could come

The Fourth Command - Bro. Doyle

What was the foundation of the 4th Command? Gen 2: 1-3
Work period first - then rest period.

Name some of the benefits of keeping Sabbath -

Christ is our Sabbath -

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I Kings 9: 1-9 + 2 Chron. 7:

9. T. I Kings 9: 3 or

I Cor. 6: 19 "ye - temple - H. Spirit

II Cor 6: 16 "ye - " or Living God

There are many misconceptions of God in the minds of many people today - but the God we meet in His conversations with Solomon is a God of love - who loves and longs to bless. He is a God who keeps His Word - as Solomon says before the people of Israel I Kings 8: 56. His desire for people was the blessing of peace.

God is not a sentimentalist either - His holy and righteous character forbids this. He gives clear cut commands. His grace is not to be presumed upon. Disobedience brings judgment.

When we profess the name of the living God - we enjoy tremendous privileges and assume heavy responsibilities - Everything we do reflects on the Lord -

I July

God appears to Solomon 9:1,2

A. The fact: Contrary to the ideas of many, there is a personal God, one who is interested in you and me - as much today as then -

Is there anything in our lives that God is trying to get through to us about? Something that we have been doing thinking, (Places we have been going?)

B - When? The time of day or night is not important. It was probably at night. More importantly it was when Solomon was at ease; after he had completed the building of the temple and his palace - 2000 20 yrs. He is now close to 40 yrs of age. - He seemed ripe for temptation at this time of his career.

C - ~~How~~?

Probably in a vision like the first time (8:5) - anyway it was a definite - personal communication. God today uses His Word, the Spirit, Christian servants to accomplish the same end -

D - ~~What~~?

^{v3}

"I have heard -". He is a prayer hearing and answering God -

I have hallowed - sanctified - consecrated the temple -

Salomon dedicated it but God must make it ~~holy~~ - so in our own time!

I have promised my perpetual presence -
Eyes - Heart -

It describes the way of happiness and blessing

Matt. 7: 13,14

I Kings 9: 1, 2 God say what He is going to do -

Now he turns to Solomon & says "if you want to enjoy the blessings and be a fellow workman with me these are the conditions and consequences if you do not, then the consequences are also clear,

A- The Way of Happiness - the straight way

1. Progress - "walk" if you improve the grace God gives - He will confirm us to the end.
"Grow in Grace" : 1 Peter 3:18
2. Nature in integrity of heart - uprightness in life
3. Obedience - "do & keep"

B The Consequences ¹⁵ - Blessing -

Perpetual Reign -

Kingship is obtained by sincere
obedience to God -

V. 6-9 Describes the way of
Sorrow - ^{III}

Broad way - Matt 7: 13, 14

A - The way of sorrow - v 6.

1. Turn from following Me
2. Not obey
3. Serve idols -- family
business - money, pleasure

B. Dr

B. The Consequences - judgment

1. The Nation scattered -

Our sin affects others -

The sin of a leader affects those he is leading
Same principle in home and business -

2. Temple destroyed - "Cast out of sight"

3. Israel a proverb

This is still true today Rom 11

4. Gentiles will mock -

Israel and its God

what we do determines what others think of our God

Conclusion

As God laid clearly before Solomon the way of blessing and happiness and the way of sorrow and judgment - so he does with each one of us

This came at a critical time
in Solomon's life. God
saw the people ahead
and warned Solomon.
Has God caused us
to be uneasy about the
way we are cutting
ethical corners in some
of the things we do.

We need to sit quiet before
God and let Him speak
to us —

June 27, 1965

Seeds of Disunity

1 Kings 9: 15-21 10: 21, 22, 11: 1-5

G.T. 1 Ki 11: 4

Theme: The downfall of a man's birth
despite outward prosperity. David
called him Salomon = "peaceable".

Nathan called him Jedidiah -
"beloved of Jehovah" 1 Chron. 22: 9

What minds the Lord - when it
chose this lesson & subject? -

Was it political disunity &
rebellion that manifested
itself after the death of
Salomon in the division
of the kingdom - ch. 12? . Or was
it personal disunity? in
life of Salomon? ^{both are included}
A seed is that from
which anything springs - a
source -

Great events always cast
their shadows before
them. The shadows
toward the end of Salomon's
life were many & black.

Fall into sin! We slowly
slip into sin

Cancer ?

Termites ?

The eye is evil.
The Bible speaks much of
the singleness of eye - Matt 6:22

Oneness of purpose + goal.
This is the secret of strength
and peace.

Sin distracts - divides -
weakens.

Solomon began with
singleness of eye. He loved
the world - 1 Kings 3:3
Before he died - 1 Kings 11:4-9
Warning to us -
Prosperity no guarantee of
God's blessing.

What were these seeds -
these termites that which
des United - destroyed
Solomon's life?

Refused to ~~hearken~~ ^F to warning
of God. I Kings 9: 1-9
Last Sunday's lesson -

He used people for personal aggrandizement ^{If}
I King 9: 15-22

His uncontrolled desire for luxury &
for building, led to extreme means
of attaining that desire.

The exploitation of people is
grievous in God's sight.

It takes many forms, slave
labor; using another as a
means to an end. Persons
are "used" whenever another
does not respect in those
persons the same inherent
rights and qualities he claims
for himself -

"L^evy v. 15. forced labor -

He made slaves of the
foreigners. v. 21 and servants
of the Israelites. v. 22. This was
against the law. Levit. 24: 14, 15

The Federal Gov. today is invading
all areas of our lives -

He was still III
much public devotion -
little private piety.

IV
He developed commerce and
amassed riches, 9: 26-28

10: 14, 21-23

Read: (Deut: 17: 17 b)

I Kings 9: 28

420 talents = 12 million dollars

10: 14 18 to 37

million dollars - depending
on value of talent

of shir - no one knows
where it is. India, Africa,
Arabia. This latter is
most likely.

I
He loved strange women

11: 1-3

Note God's commandment.

Relationship with opposite
sex can be beautiful
or terrible - Deut. 17: 17

and can be our complete
curing - as with Solomon.

Warn your young friends
and children - for anyone
about marrying any unseen
person. Solomon thought
"I'll win him or her to the
Lord" Salomon's harem
weaned his heart from the Lord.
1 Kings 11:1-4 VI

He worshipped idols 11:4-9

Salomon's final irrevoceable
act of disobedience was his
clinging to his idolatries
morons and weakly and
wantonly, reintroducing their
rules and filthy idolatries
into the promised land
which had been purged
of such.

Conclusion

Salomon's story is a solemn
warning to us -

We live in an affluent
society, and we are urged

to strive for a still "greater
society". How easily
we succumb to living for
bigger & better houses,
automobiles, and all the
fancy gadgets of our scientific
age.

How easily we become careless
in the matter of God's standard
for marriage and morality.

How easily we pay
lip service to scripture
while neglecting daily
Bible reading and prayer.

How easily we serve
the idol of marriage
this world rather than God.

We need to cry -
Oh Lord keep me from
falling, save me from
the coming wicked;
"Preserve me from
becoming a castaway".

Book

What Would Jesus Do

What Did Jesus Say -

1. 1 Cor 13: 8 -

The Mighty Conqueror

Love never fails

1. Marks of a love filled life

2 -

3. How she comes to realization

There can be no love filled life without
love of God -

God loves me - chief of sinners.

God loved me when I was unlovely &
lifted me unto Himself -

Love filled life filled = love

God - = Regeneration - 1st -

Jesus dealing = Simon Peter

Looseth thou me?
No trouble to get people to work when
they can say - Oh how I love Jesus

Love His Church

Jesus loved His Church -

and His disciples -

No room in Christians heart

for hate of any body —
Jesus did not do all of his
work while here on earth
left his message with others
to spread the gospel message
of salvation — He loved poor
lost sinners — We are to love the
sinner if we love Jesus

He seeks to bring man up
to — in some measure of
God holiness —

I entered into this ^{not just to}
save your soul — but your
whole life —

Has to allow sickness
sorrow — in order to bring
your life up

God is love —
You must fall in love w/ human
nature — Jno 3:16

The King and the ^IOffer of the Kingdom -
Chap. I - 12

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Jerusalem in Ignorance of Him;
The Child Persecuted
Ch. 2
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the King enters upon
His Public Ministry
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4. The Testing of the King and
His Testimony
Ch. 4
5. The Proclamation of the King
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6. The King manifested by Signs
of Divine Power.
Ch. 8 - 9
7. The Messengers of the King
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8. The Forerunner in Prison and the Rejection of the Kingdom. Ch. 11

9. The Rejection Consummates and the Broken Relationship. Ch. 12.

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12 - The Olivet Discourse,
Chs 24, 25

13. The Passion of the King.
Ch. 26 - 27

14 - The Resurrection and the Great
Commission. Ch 28.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

1. How many years take place between the close of the Old Testament and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem? 400 years
2. Had world history begun to change? yes.
 - a. new culture
 - b. different institutions
 - c. new and unfamiliar organizations
3. When the Old Testament closed, what power dominated the world? Medio-Persia-Egypt to some extent.
4. When the New Testament opens, what power ruled the world? Rome.
5. What change was taking place or had taken place in Israel during the Inter-Testament period?
 - a. They turned from idolatry after the Babylonian Captivity to a frantic striving for legal holiness. So instead of worshipping idols, the law became an idol to them.
 - b. Hebrew gave way to Aramaic for everyday speech... Hebrew retained for their synagogues.
 - c. The synagogue which came in right after the captivity became the center of their life and also everywhere in the world they went.
6. Many parties sprang up during this time. The prominent ones were:

Pharisees	Scribes
Sadducees	Herodians

7. Who were the Pharisees? They were a party which arose to defend the Jewish way of life against all foregoing influences.

They were strict legalists.

Believed in the Old Testament.

They were nationalists in politics.

8. Who were the Sadducees?

The party made up of the wealthy and social minded.

Wanted to rid civilization of tradition

Rejected the supernatural

Opposed the Pharisees

Sadducees much like Greek-Epicureans.

9. Who were the Scribes?

Professional expounders of law

Came into being during the time of Ezra

Became "Hairsplitters" --- more concerned with "letter of law" than "Spirit of the law".

10. Who were the Herodians? A party in the days of Jesus who arose as political opportunists who sought to maintain the Herods on the throne.

11. There was great literary activity during this period in spite of the fact that there was no revelation from God. NAME SOME OF THEM.

a. The Old Testament translated into Greek in Alexandria in Egypt 285-247 BC

The translation was made by six members from each of the 12 tribes.

Hence the name given to this was the Septuagint.

b. The Apocrypha of the Old Testament was written in this era.

The Apocrypha = 14 books which bear no mark of Inspiration. 1 and 11 Esdras

Tobit

Judith

11 Esther

Wisdom of Solomon

Ecclisiaticus

Baruch

Song of the Three

Holy Children

History of Susannah

Bel and the Dragon

Prayer of Manasses

1 and 11 Maccabees

c. The Pseudepigrapha = the Psalter of Solomon
the Book of Enoch

bear the names of two Old Testament characters but no evidence they were the writers.

12. What is so significant about this era? It was quite evident God was preparing the world for the coming of Christ. What Paul calls the "fulness of time."

- a. the Jewish people
- b. the Greek civilization
- c. the Roman Empire
- d. the Oriental multitudes

were all being prepared for the coming of Jesus

MOVING THROUGH MATTHEW

- Ch. 1 Genealogy and Virgin Birth of Jesus
- Ch. 2 Visit of wise men and four fulfillments of prophecy in connection with childhood of Jesus
- Ch. 3 The Forerunner of the King and baptism of Jesus
- Ch. 4 The testing of the King and Calling of the Disciples
- ch. 5-7 The Sermon on the Mount.
 - a. relationship of citizen of Kingdom to self. 5:1-6
 - b. relationship of citizen of Kingdom to law. 5:17-48
 - c. relationship of citizen of Kingdom to God. 6:1-34
 - d. relationship of citizen of Kingdom to others. 7:1-29
- Ch. 8-9 The miracles of the King demonstrate His power
- Ch. 10 Disciples sent to preach the Kingdom of Heaven present in Person of the King.
- Ch. 11 Rejection of the King by religious rulers.
- Ch. 12 Conflict of the King with religious rulers.
- Ch. 13 Mystery parables of Kingdom of Heaven.

TRADITION AND CHRISTIAN DUTY..

Matt. 15: 1-20 (Mark 7:1-23)

G.T. "Jn. 10:10b

"I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

I

CONVERTS AND CRITICS, 15: 1,2

In these verses we are not so consider we are still face to face with the manifestation of opposition to the King. It is becoming more keen, more systematic.

A. The Converts:

v.1 "Then" read the last three verses of Ch. 14.

v.2 "Disciples" the 12 and those who followed Christ's teaching and spirit.

B. The Critics:

1. Their background:

"Pharisees:" Semitic term for separated one. Their origin dates from the inter-testament period, about 162 BC. They resisted the infiltration of Greek culture among the Jews. Theologically they were the conservatives. They vowed scrupulous observance to the law and tradition.

They were among Christ's worst enemies.

"Scribes" see outline...

"From Jerusalem" The present delegation was sent up from Jerusalem to spy on Jesus, to discredit him with the prop people, to find cause for legal action against Him.

2. Their question:

"tradition of the elders" The tradition of the elders was that complicated code of rules for action which these teachers had

selected from the Mosaic law

TRADITION OR LIVE: V 3 - 9

Our Lord did not answer them by dealing first with their own illustration but by providing another illustration to show how tradition may cause a man to break in upon his relationship to God.

Hardly anywhere else in the Gospels is the absolute pre-eminence of the Lord Jesus Christ as a teacher so clearly revealed as here. In a few short sentences He pierces the shell of all this outer formalism, and reveals a deadening hypocrisy in the depths of the Jewish heart.

"ALSO" v 3, With this word He admits their violation. He justified them for so doing. It was not neglect, but by set purpose. It was more important to obey God rather than man. The implication is that the important thing in life is not human tradition but God's commandment.

V 7, "HYPOCRITES" Derived from two words meaning to speak or judge from under. Used of an actor on the Greek stage who spoke from under a mask impersonating another. Christ's critics were religious actors pretending to be one thing on the outside that they were not on the inside. There is much inconsistency in our religious profession today.

We speak of evils of going to the movies, yet spend hours looking at everything on TV....

We sit in church and put on a show of worship, yet we let our mind wander on business or pleasure... (MAN...LISTEN ... TOLD PREACHER....HE BUILT A BOAT....)

We sing of love and forgiveness and harbor hate and grudges....

It is impossible to honor God with the lip while the heart is far from Him...

They said in effect that the Hebrew scriptures were not enough. They had to be interpreted and in many cases, as the question in our lesson, their interpretation had become a contradiction. So today many are saying the Bible is not enough, It has to be modernized.

These critics are smart. They go direct to Christ; leave the disciples alone. The real issue involved does not appear on the surface. They considered themselves the authoritative interpreters of the law of God. The issue; If Christ could justify his disobedience of their tradition, which they did not believe he could, Then the whole body of tradition would not be binding for the conscience. On the other hand if he could not, then He was not an orthodox Jew, but rather an insubordinate heretic and should be condemned.

Behind this question lay the essential difference between the religion of the Pharisees and that of Christ. Theirs was a dutiful compliance with rites and rules of man; His was a delight in doing the will of God.

NOTE : It is interesting that whether friend or foe, the men of Christ's day could not leave Him alone. There was an irresistible attraction about Him. So today. He does not leave men alone either.

III

Outward Show or Inward Experience V.10-20

A...To the multitudes, V 10,11 argument two-fold

1. That which goes into a man cannot defile him, v.11..Food no matter how eaten with or without washings has nothing to do with the inner life of man.
2. It is that which proceeds out of man, from his heart, that defiles him.

B...To the disciples, v. 12-20

1. The warning: Maybe there was a touch of reproach in their question: False leaders should not be followed, neither should their reaction to the truth surprise us. "Tree planted" both false doctrine and person who holds it...

2. The explanation, v. 15-20

CONCLUSION: Now let us notice the teaching of this section for ourselves. In His dealing with the tradition of the scribes and Pharisees, Christ revealed the perpetual conflict between divine and human religion. Human religion is conditioned in externalities and therefore fails to touch essential life.

The heart of man is the theme of this lesson. Man concerned outward appearance. GOD .. searches heart of man. WHAT A MAN DOES ONLY REVEALS WHAT HE IS.

True salvation ... not reformation.
Salvation ... regeneration...
Redemption touches heart of man.

I. The Heart Determines What A Man Is.

Prov. 23:7 "For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." If one's heart is bitter... words and deeds will be bitter. If one is SOUR in his heart... entire outlook on life will be sour and cynical. LUST.... will commit adultery.

Bitter well of water..... paint pump..shed over it... water still bitter.

Neither will education...training..
environment... nor law change the man whose heart is wicked... Heart must change...

II The Heart is Deceitful..Jer. 17:9

Man .. good enough for heaven without salvation .. deceiving himself. His heart is wicked ..The human heart cannot be trusted. Romans 3:9..20.

The self-righteous sinner, who claims he is good enough for heaven & does not need a Saviour, is deceived.

The hearts of all men are deceitful & wicked, & will betray the self-righteousness

* All sin is folly - It is foolish for a man to disobey God & foolish for anyone to go to hell -

III N 19

Take a look at the serpents that have hatched out within the heart!

They make man the most dangerous beast on earth. He has filled the earth with war and crime. Jails and hospitals are filled with those who have fallen prey to sin. Evil thoughts: - murder - adultery - theft - pride - foolishness

The heart is hardened

Mark 8:17

The heart of a child is tender - but sin - causes callousness of the heart. Before long the sinner will become hard & calloused, readily partake of sin he once shunned - no longer will his heart fear to do wrong. Eventually accept and as a matter of course.

The heart is the seat of unbelief.

Psa 14: 1 A thief does not deny God in that his head knows better - evidence - His trouble is heart trouble.

6.
God gives man a New Heart

The Key To the Kingdom

Matt 16: 13 - 26

Jesus begins teaching concerning His death -
Must suffer at hands of elders, chief priest
& scribes - 3 groups composed the
Sanhedrin -

Elders Lord Jesus must suffer at
hands of the religious leaders
If that day.

He begins to prepare His disciple
for what lay ahead

Important that they have absolute
faith in Him & Who He was - or else
they could not cope with future events
His question led up to it.

4 Identifications

1. John Baptist

2. Elijah = Malachi 4: 5

3. Jeremiah -

4. Old Test - prophet, risen

The Christ The Anointed of
the Messiah God -
Prophet - Priest & King - all were anointed He held all
offices.
Son - (son) Son

"Blessed" = Happy - honored -
"Flesh & blood" - usually means man -
but here he seems to refer to
Himself. This truth they had not
learned from His appearance

"You, Jews, were expecting to know
the messiah by his external
splendor, His form & power as
as a man but you have not
learned one in this manner.

Flesh & blood have not shown
it - In spite of my appearance
- my lowly estate - You have
learned it as of God -"

His Miracles = Instructions -
Direct teachings of God on their minds

To reveal is to make known,
or communicate something
that was unknown or secret.

18: "Peter" in Greek means a rock.

Given to Simon - John 1: 42

Cephas - Syriac word = same as Peter

I have called you, Peter, a rock

Church means - Rocked off

denoting firmness, stability -

Peter had honor of laying foundation of church among the Jews & Gentiles - he was first in making known the gospel to both Jews & Gentiles

Acts 2: 14-36 To Jews

Acts 10 - Gentiles (Cornelius - neighbors)

V. 19 key - an instrument for opening a door. If that is in possession of the key - has power of access & general care of the house.

In the Bible - a key is used as a symbol of superintendence - an emblem of power & authority.

Peter - make him instrument of opening the door of faith to the world - the first to preach gospel to Jews and Gentiles

How to follow

1. Say no to self More difficult to deny self than things our desires must be subject to Christ's desires & His wants

2 - Cross - One's cross is what it cost him to do the will of God —

Something to be taken up instead of something sent -

Our religi. often swallow because we have it so cheaply -

Does it really cost you to serve God or do you give the ~~swallow~~ left overs?

Cost or give Him
spare time

3 - Follow Him

Fellowship is necessary for fellowship

The following must be so intense that all else become secondary

Christ is putting first things in second place.

The person who leaves the safe life ~~but~~ (hoarding himself - abilities & resources) will eventually lose all he has

Invests all he has - will eventually be greatly rewarded.

Question of having or being

Character = clothes

Integrity = income

Spends life getting things
or being someone for Jesus

Conclusion
Jesus as Christ or Lord

1. The King & the Offer of the Kingdom.

Chapt 1 - 12

The Rejected Kingdom & the Rejected King -

1. The King at the Seaside - The
Mysteries of the Kingdom -

* He makes known things
hiding from the foundation
of the world. v 11, 34 - 35

Chapt. 13 - Jesus began to teach in parables.
These parables, repeated in full only in Matt., concern the
mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

1. The King at the seaside 1-2

2. " parable of the sower 3-9

3. The question of the disciples & His answer.

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4. The parable of the sower explained. 18-23

5. The parable of the good seed & the tares. 24-30

6. The parable of the mustard seed. 31-32

7. The parable of the leaven. 33-35

Leaven is always in the Word of God

The type of evil. Matt 16: 11-12

Mark 8: 15

1 Cor. 5: 6

Gal 5: 9

8. The parable of the good seed & the tares explained. 36-42.

9. The parable of the treasure in the field. 44

10. The parable of the pearl of great price. 45-46

(Parable of treasure & of the pearl go together)

The Man in both is not the sinner who seeks a treasure & a pearl, who gives up all in order to get all. The Man is our Lord, who buys the field. He ~~both~~ gave all he had to have the

treasure (Israel) hid in the field, who sold all to have the one pearl of great price (the church)

11. The parable of the drag-net. 47-52
12. Rejection in His Own Country. 53-58

2: John's Martyrdom. The Fairfield Attitude of the
Rejected King - 14

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4. Praying on the Mountain-top. 22, 23
5. Walking on the sea; Coming to His Disciples. 24-34.

Ch. 15

3. The Corruption of the Scribes and Pharisees, the Canaanitish Woman and Her Faith; The Multitude Healed.

Ch. 15.

1. The question of the scribes & Pharisees. 1-2
2. His Answer. 3-9
3. The Multitude called. 10, 11
4. The disciples instructed 12-20.
5. The Canaanitish Woman 21-28
6. The multitudes healed. 29-31

Cananitish woman addressed the King
as "Son of David." She had no
claim on as "Son of David."
But when she took the place He
gave to her & appealed to him
as "Lord" He healed her daughter.
Thus the rejected King ministered
to a Gentile.

4. The Great Announcements of the Rejected King Concerning Himself.

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1. Pharisees & Sadducees asking a sign 1-4
2. Instructions concerning the heaven 5-12.
3. Peter's confession 13-16
4. The future building of the church ~~Announcement~~ 17-20
5. The announcement of His death and resurrection 21
6. Peter's rebuke & the Lord's answer.
7. The path of the disciple. 22, 23
8. His soon coming announced. 27, 28

Find the word "church" mentioned in this chapter for first time in the Bible.

Church - called out ones - The Lord said "I will build my church."

The rock upon which this church is to be built is Christ the Son of God. (not the Son of David, the promised King). Christ raised from the dead is the great rock foundation.

Peter - means in the Greek "petros" - a stone - the word Rock in Greek is "petra". (Same word used in Matt. 7:24, 25)

Christ is this rock & Peter a part of the rock -

Peter first to preach the
Gospel to Jesus - at Pentecost
to Gentiles' house of Cornelius
See what Peter said of himself
I Peter 1: 1,

5:

Bind and loose refers only to discipline
on earth. Some power was
conferred upon all the other disciples.

For first time rejected King
Announces His coming suffering.
His death, His resurrection, and
His second coming in Glory.

(28 should be first in Ch 17)
refers to transfiguration.

5. The Coming Glory; the Helpless Disciples & the Power of the King - The Tribute money -

Ch. 17.

1. The Transfiguration 1-13
2. The Helpless Disciples and the power of the King 14-21
3. The second announcement of His death & resurrection. 22, 23
4. The tribute money 24, 27

Glimpse of Christ's coming glory seen at the transfiguration.

Moses glorified represents the Saints of God who died;
Elijah represents the Saints caught up to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thess 4: 16-18)

6. Instructions to His disciples.
Concerning Forgiveness.

Ch 18.

1. Concerning the little ones and offences ¹⁻¹⁰
2. The Son of Man to save what is lost. ¹¹⁻¹⁴
3. The church anticipated and instructions
Concerning it. ¹⁵⁻²⁰
4. Concerning Forgiveness) ²¹⁻³⁵

7. Departure From Galilee. Concerning
Divorce Little Children Blessed
and the Rich Young Man.
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1. The Departure From Galilee 1-2
2. Concerning Divorce. 3-12
3. The Blessing of Little Children.
4. The Rich Young Man. } 13-15
16-26
5. The Rewards in the Kingdom. 27-30

Chapt 18 -

"The Chapter of the Child"

Jesus taught disciples lesson of humility

Richard Glover puts it -

"The hand of ambitious rudeness
should be cut off. The eye of
ambitious coveting should be
plucked out; The foot of
ambitious wilfulness
should be cut off."

Fleshly ambition should
be starved and slain
unless we are as simple
and emptied of all pride
as a little child we are
not fit for the masters use

Illus. Lost sheep - Jesus showed
value of a child who is type of
greatness in His Kingdom. And
Children should not be neglected
because not fathers will that one
little one should be lost -

Their angels always be hold the
face of the Father - and they
have constant access to the Father
on behalf of the Father's children
of whom they are guardians
the Son, who is the good
Shepherd, never seeks the young;
The Father is unwilling that one
of them should perish.

Parable of Forgiveness & the Unmerciful

Servant - Matt 18: 21-35

Christ found here

illustrating matter of Forgiveness -
not God's Forgiveness of Man -

although this is in the background by
suggestion but of man's Forgiveness
~~of man~~ Strife among
brethren is a grave thing &
"may easily become an
"offence" - which causes one
to stumble

Our Lord is explicit as to the
treatment that injuries,
those who injure, & the
injured should receive -

Beginning with the
Commendation of the child-like
spirit.

He now advances to the
Commendation of the forgiving
spirit
and the Condemnation of the
opposite.

Christ gives the method of
restoring fellowship -

We are warned that separation
should not be come hatred -

I Cor. 5: 11
11 Cor 2: 7

Shakespeare

"He who steals my purse steals fresh
tis something, no thyng;
Twas mine, tis his, & has
been stolne to thousands.
But he who fetches from me
my good name robs me
of that which not enriches
him orakes me poor
indeed "

The Unmerciful Servant

Matthew 18:

This parable can be coupled with that of the two debtors Luke 7: 41-43. This lesson came as reply to Peter's question of no of times of forgiveness.

Read Amos 2: 6

when Jesus said 70 x 7 did He have in mind God's word of old "Gen. 4: 24"

What a gospel of Forgiveness that was to proclaim in the dim era of revelation.

Truth unfolded:

Forgiveness must be as it is with God, a constant attitude.

Word Forgive actually means "forth-give" - To dismiss absolutely from thought. When God forgives He forgets. "Your sins & iniquities I will remember no more"

We have here His first appearance as King in His parabolic teaching - & we are His servants with whom He takes account.

have bankrupt before Him
we are! Truly we are
nothing else but His bond-
servants, so deep in His
debt!

Whether this huge debt was
1 million - 10 million or
100 million dollars -
Whether it is the human
estimate of sin

The legal estimate
or the divine estimate of
all our sins - secret & open -
we are servants with a
tremendous debt and no
assets - and bound, far
the "glove market" -
but the King in His mercy
forgave the entire debt -

Next phase/parable - reveals
heartlessness of the forgive
one -

Forgiven he should have forgiven
the \$1,2⁰⁰ debt - but he had no
Compassion on his fellow servant.
If God treated us for our debts,
as we treat others, what
desolation would be ours!

Matt 6: 14, 15

If our hearts are hard toward
others - the Lord will leave us to
our tormentors - Conscience -
Assaults of Satan -
until we are brought to act
according to His will.

3 specific incidents preceded the scene in the temple in which the parables in our lesson were spoken. They are very significant in the light of the fact that the Lord Jesus has come to the climax of His earthly life + ministry.

I. The triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Lord Jesus offered Himself publicly as King (Matt 21: 1-11 - Mark 11: 1-10 Luke 19: 29-38, John 12: 12-19)

fulfill of prophecy Zech 9: 9
Jesus knew He would be rejected as King - knew all He must suffer (Matt 16 - Mark 8 - Luke 9)

In this way the King became the Saviour - the Son of Abraham becoming obedient unto death + raised to life again - Matt 11: 1 - Gen 22: 1 - Heb. 11: 12-19.

II. The second purification of the temple (1st Jas 2: 13-16)

early ministry
2nd time near close of His ministry

Having offered Himself publicly
as King the Lord Jesus cleansed
the temple — manifesting the
kingship authority.

¶ The barren fig tree cursed - 21: 18-22

Gospel in This Lesson

1. **Two kinds of attitudes.** "I will not: but afterward he repented, and went . . . I go, sir: and went not" (Matt. 21:29, 30).

There are two kinds of attitudes—the theoretical and the practical. The first son said he would not go, but he did go. The second agreed to go, but he did not.

1. **There are many religious people who profess to believe God, and claim to have received Christ as Saviour, but their lives contradict their profession. They say one thing, but they do another.**

2. **Some claim they believe that there is a literal hell and heaven, but if they really did believe this, they would be everlastingly winning souls to Christ. If they did believe in a literal hereafter, they would live a life targeted for heaven.**

3. **There are others who openly deny the things of God and make no profession of faith, but later in life, they recognize their mistake and accept Christ as their Saviour. Who is the better of the two? Obviously, the man who recognizes his need is safer in the end. Those who make a profession without a possession are apt to deceive themselves into hell!**

2. **Some openly refuse salvation.** "And he sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come" (Matt. 22:3).

This parable refers directly to Israel as a nation. However, there are many others who equally refuse the salvation which Christ bought for them with His own blood.

What reason does anyone have for refusing salvation? The evidence that Jesus is God, and that the Bible is the Word of God, and that salvation is by grace through faith is sufficient. No sinner may excuse himself. The facts are irrefutable; the sinner will not deserve pity if he refuses the Saviour who died to redeem his soul.

"He sent forth other servants . . . But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise" (Matt. 22:4, 5). Some reject Christ, but others go a step farther. They ridicule the Gospel, the Bible and the Saviour. They not only refuse, they also make light of the kindness and love of God. They spurn Christ's blood and throw His love back into His face. They become hardened in their disbelief, and their judgment will be the greater. There is no sin equal to the sin of ridiculing God's Son, and making light of His sacrifice for the sins of men. God will not hold such sinners guiltless.

"And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them" (Matt. 22:6). This is the final step of rejection of Jesus Christ. Not only is heaven spurned, the servants of the Saviour who preach His Gospel are martyred. Those who came as messengers of good tidings and peace, who had no malice or hatred in their hearts, but only desired to do good and point the sinners to the way of life and heaven, are slain. No more can their lips tell the sinner the way to forgiveness and heaven! This is the final act of sin.

The only explanation for such dastardly deeds is satanic possession. Otherwise, why would anyone hate those who come to do good and perform an act of mercy?

3. **The universal invitation.** "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage" (Matt. 22:9).

God has sent an invitation to every living soul in the world, inviting them to the marriage feast of His Son. The feast is for all. Those who do not come are those who reject Christ. There is no sinner for whom Christ did not die. God has made full preparation for salvation for all, and all may be saved. All that remains is for them to accept salvation.

Furthermore, God has commanded us to extend the Gospel far and wide, to every living person on this earth. No matter how great may be their sin, Christ Jesus died to save them, and they may find forgiveness and salvation by simply receiving Christ as their Saviour. Faith is all that is required. Salvation begins with a new birth. It is instantaneous, and the bad are instantly made good. All can be saved.

4. **Some would come to the feast in their own self-righteousness.** "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" (Matt. 22:12).

The unacceptable people at the feast are those wearing the wrong kind of clothes. Isaiah wrote, "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Is. 64:6). Paul wrote, "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom. 3:10). We have all gone astray like lost sheep (cf. Is. 53:6). How foolish for persons to insist that they are so good that they do not need the Saviour! No one is fit for heaven until he has been cleansed in the blood of Christ and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. He took our sin, and He gives us His righteousness.

Church Age, the call to salvation is going out to all who will receive Him, both Jew and Gentile. Many millions are accepting God's offer of salvation and innumerable blessings.

God's invitations and offers are continually rejected through excuses. An excuse can be polite, apparently plausible, but shallow, untruthful, thus sinful. One person, defining the difference between reasons and excuses, remarked, "An excuse is the skin of a reason full of lies." When one cannot or should not act, he has a *reason*. God knows the heart. Excuses condemn. The very need on their part to manufacture excuses shows that excuse-makers know God's desire, and thus, their own opportunity, privilege, and responsibility. Excuses prove indifference to God's will, also rebellion against it. Excuses are caused by pride, pleasure, procrastination, sinful desire for self plans, and selfishness. Excuses are shallow and dangerous. William B. Riley pled with a man to receive the Saviour. He replied, "I mean to. A few last minutes will be sufficient." Shortly he became insane. His day of grace had passed forever.

Illustrated High Points

The Publicans and the Harlots Go into the Kingdom of God Before You

As Sir Walter Scott spoke to a group about the rent veil of the Temple, a man asked, "How big was that hole?" "It was big enough to let any sinner pass through," replied Scott. The rent was complete—"in twain from the top to the bottom" (Matt. 27:51).

A young artist wrought long on the statue of an angel. In suspense, he waited to hear what his master, Michelangelo, would say about it. "It lacks only thing—*life*. With life it would be as perfect as God Himself could make it!" said the admiring master.

How difficult it is for a good, moral man to realize that without Christ he lacks spiritual life! All of his imagined righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight (Is. 64:6; Rom. 10:3, 4; Titus 3:5).

Call Them That Were Bidden . . . They Would Not Come

A minister pleaded with a young man to turn penitently from sin to the Saviour. Said the young man, "I know I ought to do it. God has convicted me of sin. I intend to become a Christian sometime, but not now!" Two weeks later, the young man was mortally injured. As he lay dying, he asked for the

The king's marriage blessings revolved about his son (Matt. 22:1-14). All God's salvation, spiritual, and heavenly blessings revolve about Jesus Christ (vs. 1, 2). The first invitation was willfully rejected in indifference (vs. 3). "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great (God's) salvation" (Heb. 2:3). The second invitation evidenced the offerer's love in concern that blessings offered be not missed. Jesus' knocking at hearts evidences the Godhead's love (Rev. 3:20). The offerer's love was rejected with lightness and not deemed worth serious consideration. Temporal, material, and self plans were valued more highly. God commands His love toward every person in that Christ died for them while they were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8). God's offer forces rejection or acceptance.

Truths for All Ages

1. The infinite blessing God offers in Christ.
2. How to miss and how to receive God's offer.
3. Sin—folly—shallowness—of excuses.

High Points

minister. Said he, "When you pleaded with me to accept Christ, I was almost persuaded to do it, but I would not yield. Now it is *too late*. Do plead with my brothers and sisters to seek God and His forgiveness *now!*" Shortly he passed away. His last words were these—"I am lost!"

"He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1).

How Camest Thou in Hither Not Having a Wedding Garment?

How unready and unprepared we are to stand in God's presence if we are not clothed in the righteousness of Christ!

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

A husband and wife were talking about the sudden death of an acquaintance. The husband was an unbeliever. His wife was a Christian and had often pleaded with him to accept Christ. He remarked to her, "What a terrible thing it is to be called away so suddenly without any chance of getting ready!" "Without any chance of getting ready!" she replied. "Why, he was fifty-four years old, and has had a life of chances!"

"What Shall I Do With
Jesus?"

S.S. Apr. 4

Mat 27: 11-26 -

I Court of Judges

3 - Civil matters

II Lesser Sanhedrin

23 members - 2 by

III The Great Sanhedrin - all kinds of cases -
70 members -

sitting in Jerusalem -

Composed - 3 sets of members -

23 Priests -

23 scribes - learned in the law -

23 elders - business men or

executives -
with the High Priest - 70 members -

Could not be less than 40 years of age -

Took that long to learn & memorize
law of Moses + Talmud -

Had to be married + father of children -

Thought that a father would be
more merciful -

High Priest - elected by people, was of
a political order at that time -

Bought by the highest bidder from
Roman Governor -

House of Annas - godless wicked
aristocracy -

At the trial of Jesus - in the Sanhedrin were Annas & Caiaphas
most of the other members
were sons & daughter of
Annas -

Law The Sanhedrin could
meet only in one place
& that was in the Temple
in a room known as
the "Hall of Hewn Stones"
Any other place of meeting
was absolutely illegal -
made decision void -

The Sanhedrin had plotted against
Jesus - That was illegal -
They had tried to trap him
Their hatred made them break
every law on the book

Made arrangements with
Judas - For 30 pieces of
silver - to betray the
Master -

Jeremiah
Zachariah -

2nd illegal from beginning to end - Reason there is no record of it outside the Gospels.
Sanhedrin was afraid to keep a record - because it was illegal

Jesus had to die - Leviticus 17: 11
Foretold Psalm 22: 16 -

Jewish form of a criminal's death was
by stoning -

Roman mode - Crucifying -
Roman death foretold Centuries
before Romans came into power.

Christ - self murderer - law
breakers - "He was numbered
with the transgressors" Isa 53

Law and Grace - two dispensations - Jewish and Christian

"for the law ~~was~~ given by Moses, but
Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ -
John 1: 17

Law & grace in the sense of some
revelation have always existed -
but "the law" was given by Moses &
dominates from Sinai to Calvary
while grace dominates from
Calvary until the rapture of the
church - ~~important~~

Scripture never in any
dispensation mingles the two -

Law is :

1. God prohibiting & requiring
2. A Ministry of condemnation
3. Law curses
4. Shuts every mouth before God
5. Law puts a great & guilty distance between man & God.
6. Law says "an eye for an eye & a tooth for a tooth".
7. Law says "Hate thine enemies"
8. Law "do & live"
9. Law - never had a missionary
10. Law - utterly condemns every man
11. Law - stones an adulteress
12. Under law - the sheep dies by hand of the shepherd

God Grace is:
1. Beseeching & bestowing.

- 2. Ministry of forgiveness
- 3. Grace redeems
- 4. Grace opens every mouth to praise him
- 5. .. makes guilty man right to God.
- 6. Grace says "Resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also"
- 7. Grace - "Love thine enemies, bless them that despitefully use you"
- 8. Grace - Believe and live.
- 9. " is to be preached to every creature
- 10. " freely justifies the worst.

I Tim 1:15 - Luke 23:43 - Rom. 5:8-
Cor 6: 9 - 11

- 11. Grace - "Neither do I condemn thee go & sin no more"
- 12. Grace - the Shepherd dies for the sheep.

Everywhere the scriptures -
present law & grace in sharp
contrast -

The mingling of them in much of
the current teaching of the day
spoils both: for
law is robbed of its terror and
grace of its freeness

Ceremonial law -

Find these marvelous types,
beautiful foreshadowings of
the Person & work of Lord
Jesus Christ as Priest
& Sacrifice.

Exodus 25 - 30 = Tabernacle
Leviticus 1 - 7 = Offering

Kulbert Bapt. Church:

Sonders Family - Mr. Dugger -
(Donie's Family) (George Stone)
Mary Stone's husband -
Brownright & whole church

Requests: Ruth Shettleworth: those in
her family about whom she is concerned

Romelle Welle = help her to make adjustment
Find right one to live with her.

Annette D = Problems = Find
her peace in thee. Guide her life
into usefulness. You know where
& how she can serve thee.

Dr. T. - Doris = Lab. problems -
Dr. A. & family: Blood Bank -
Linda = Miltie - to be led
to life of consecration - Christ
Centered.

Coye - bless her "aew" - Believe
the pressure upon her so
she can find peace of mind.
Let her see the "rainbow in the
clouds" - Protect Debbie - God her
life - Lord, you are their only hope!

Eph. 3:10

Page 46-47 Making a Man of God

"On Bumping Into a Brick Wall Gracefully"

1. The Brick wall may be Only Paper-mache.

If so, put your head down & charge through it - God may be testing your faith
Some paper mache walls bear an amazing resemblance to solid brick

2. The Brick wall may be Climable.

If so God wants you to put on your thinking cap & devise a way to scale it. Our minds belong to God as well as our bodies - Parable of Talents - Matt 25: 14

Two of the 3 servants exercised their minds & were rewarded - the third was afraid to - & was condemned.

It is God-given understanding He wants you to use - 1 Tim. 2: 7

3. God May Want to Push Down the Brick Wall for you -

When it comes to knocking down brick walls - God is a specialist -

(Walls of Dorico) -

Never be ashamed to fall
on the spirent to take
over -

It isn't always God's way
to push down every brick
wall for you. Maybe
you don't need to be taught
a lesson in faith -
as much as you need to be
taught a lesson in
patience + perseverance

4. The Brick Wall May
Really be Insurmountable

Maybe you will have to
retake your steps + try
another avenue

Why?
Or Wall - effective & roaching
aid.

I do hear the voice of the Spirit, your teacher, your life must be free from any known sin

II Cor. 7:1

I Cor 11:31

If I do profit spiritually from the reading of God's Word your will must be willing to obey God.

II To receive a definite message from God through His Word you must take time.

You will never find time not finding must interfere with your walk with God. God & His Word must come first - as a result of a healthy vibrant walk with obey the Spirit every role of your life will become God-saturated Eph 5:18

III To receive a message from God through His Word you must take enough time —

Allow 30" - stop when God
speaks to you & meditate
upon the message He gives
you -

Discipline

5. To take time each day with
the Lord & His Word ~~you will have~~
to discipline yourself daily

Many Christians have, in the name
of Christian service, spread themselves
so thin they have become shallow

6. To profit spiritually from your
Bible reading, avoid competing
with a Read-the-Bible Through
Chart -

Reading the Bible Through is
a commendable practice -
but fellowship with the Author
as He patiently instructs you
in the meaning of His Word
is more uplifting & edifying for
the inner man -

7.

Boredom

7. To overcome a lack of expectation and a sense of boredom, read a fresh translation -
- - - pray fervently &
~~expectantly~~ faithfully
for an expectant attitude & anointed eyes as the psalmist did. Psa 119:18
Keep scripture in mind -
Read God's word because you need food for the inner man -

You read God's word because you & I have needs which you are not aware of - only God can minister to such needs.

You may need an encouraging word from God to lift a burden, a gentle warning today to keep you from a wrong tomorrow, or a stern reminder from God that your tongue needs to be tied -

8. To fill your mind with God's thoughts, meditate on individual words, phrases, & sentences. Combine simple unaffected reverence with humble, enlightened rationalism.

9. To dethrone those temporary depressing moods which many people experience, rest your soul on the breast of God & trusting fully in His mercy & tenderness.

At different times in your walk with the Lord you will probably become disengaged & depressed, for no apparent reason.

In such a state you don't care about anything. You are clearly not interested in any form of spiritual exercise. You don't feel like praying, reading, or even thinking about God. What should you do?

One thing must be grasped
firmly during such
periods - 1. God loves
you - & He will continue
to love you in spite of
your temporary attitude
2. God is your best friend
& friends do not desert us
at our time of greatest need.

Prov. 17: 17 - Rom 15: 15

Tell God exactly how you
feel - admit your
blaggishness - Heaviness
& helplessness -

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Getting To Know The Will of God Alan Redpath

Psa. 25: 4

"Show me thy ways" — open my eyes.

"Teach me thy paths" — direct my mind

"Lead me in thy truth" — guide my steps.

vs 8 + 9 =

The meek will be guide in judgment
& the meek will be teach his way —
The meek will God cause to walk
victoriously in judgment.

= The principle of guidance.

19 - The meek —

Teaches that whole question of
guidance is not our relation-
ship to the particular problem
but our relationship to
Christ. The Holy Spirit of God
guides the man's spirit not the
man's mind. Guidance is
not discovered in the relation
to the problem but guidance
is discovered in relation to
Jesus Christ. "The meek
will be guide in judgment"
not weak but meek —
but of difference

Meekness is strength — meekness
means you do not retaliate
Do not stand up for your

own rights. You can take it when other people peer & scoff & scorn you -
You do not justify yourself -
You have been broken in your heart, Meekness means pride has been crushed -
Meekness means a spirit of humility, the spirit that was in Jesus Christ. It is the meek He will guide in judgment -

It is not easy to be meek - when you are criticized unjustly & your character is misrepresented - We want to stand up for ourselves & have our own way - but it is the meek whom God guides in judgment -

The Condition of an enlightened mind is a surrendered heart

If you want to know God's Will
Joy your life are you pre-
pared to pay the price of
knowing it?

You will never be guided by the
Holy Spirit unless the Holy Spirit
is in control - your life at
the disposal of the Lord -
Divided loyalty is the end of
all possible light to the
future.

Troubled about the future?

Maybe there is a divided control
in your life -

Great men - intense simplicity,
absolute devotion to the Saviour,
their love for their Lord.

This principle of guidance is not
complicated.

It is simply that your life
is always at the disposal
of the Lord in order that He
may work out His Plan.

The Practice of Guidance

How a problem, how to know the will of God? How?

Dr F B Meyer - sea - ship -
Sat one night standing on bridge
with the Captain. Stereug. night.
entrance to harbor looked narrow.
Dr M. asked Captain - "Have you
known when to turn this
ship into that narrow harbor?"

Capt: "That's an art. See those 3
red lights on the shore?
When they are in a straight
line & go right in."

God has given to intelligent
people who are prepared to use
their brains 3 red lights
for guidance.

Tis Bible
Inward witness of His Spirit
Outward Circumstances
When these are in a straight
line go right ahead.
In some instances
we may have to fight
the Outward Circumstances

In some cases they may not be aware
they may not seem to be in line
but whenever God calls us to take a
step of faith you may be sure He
will undertake in every detail

1. Read God's Word - it is a light to my
path & a lamp unto my feet
This will take time - Discipline
let nothing interfere with your
quiet time
2. If it is God's will - Holy Spirit
will pressure you - to carry
out His will & no pressure
not His will -
3. Outward circumstances -
God may close door after
door - there is only one
right way & in God's time
He will open that door &
open close all others -
Peter - iron gate opened when he got to it
Don't expect God to
reveal His will for you for
next week until you
practice it for today -

Leading Thoughts of I Timothy

Pure Doctrine

Pure Worship

Faithful Ministry

Why is pure doctrine so important?
Ans - There is no godliness apart
from doctrine - sound doctrine
above - (sound doctrine) - pure
worship - faithful ministry
leads to godliness.

8 times doctrine is found in I Tim.
referring to sound or pure doctrine.

Nov. 1st - Fearless Witness

II Tim. 1:1

Nov. 8 - In The Midst of the Multitudes

Isa 55: 1-11

Matt. 9: 36 - 10: 8

Nov. 15 - The Heart of the Commission

John 20: 19 - 23

Matt. 28: 16 - 20

Acts 1: 6-8

SS Lesson: Equipped For Service

II Tim 2: 8 - 15 3: 14-17

Nov. 22 - The Urgency of Our Task

John 4: 25 - 38

Acts 4: 18 - 20

Matt 9: 37b.

SS: Keep the Faith

II Timothy 3: 10-13

4: 1-8, 17, 18

Nov 29 - How Deep Is My Concern?

Rom 9: 1 - 3

Rom. 10: 1 - 13

SS The Gospel of God's Grace

Titus 1: 1-3 3: 4-8a

2: 11-14

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Dec 6 a Practical Strategy for Outreach

Luke 19: 1-10. Romans 10: 14-17

Deut. 31: 12

SL = Righteous Living - Titus 1: 15 - 2: 10

1 Cor. 4: 2

Luke 16: 10 a

Phil. 4: 13

SS. 2-7-65

Matt. 13!

13th chapter contains Christ's explanation of His use of parables as a method of teaching. Some say 7 parables and some 8 parables.

The first 4 parables were spoken to the multitudes while the other 3 were spoken to the disciples in private.
1st - The Sower) are the key
8th - The Householder) parables -
the one introducing & the other concluding the whole series -
one anticipating and the other reflective, looking on -
and looking back -

Conclusion of Matt. 2 -
Joseph & Mary & the child returned
to Nazareth from Egypt.

Matthew skips over nearly 30 yrs
of Jesus' life story. -
It was not pertinent to his
theme. Remember -
Matthew's gospel is the dispensational
gospel - the gospel about the King
and the kingdom of the heavens.

Chapt I - Genealogy of Christ -

Proving His legal right to the
throne. Also we see He is to be
Saviour as well as King. Strange
beginning of purposes of God concerning
Christ.

Chapt. II

King's birth heralded in Jerusalem
by sentiles from the far East, and
clear indication of His rejection
by His own people. Hated of Herod etc.
Rejection of Christ as King would
open the way for Him to be
the Saviour -

Chapt III

Announcement of the King's
presence and the nearness of
the kingdom, by John the Baptist
the King's forerunner — His
identity with the Godly in
Israel who were also sinners —
The foreshadowing of His death
& resurrection in His baptism
— thus to be the King in
rejection — and the Saviour
in reality.

¶ 1 Jesus Christ - ^I Son of David, the Son of Abraham.

The legal right to the throne of David must first of all be proven so that no doubt can be attached to His claim of being the promised King. "Son of David" precedes "Son of Abraham" because it is a question of kingship.

Genealogy of our Lord:

Gospel of Luke proves: Mary is of David through the house of Nathan

Matthew shows Joseph, who was supposed to be father of Jesus - is a descendant of David through the line of Solomon Luke 3: 23

The descendants of Solomon have the legal right to the throne.

But the last King of Judah -
Jeconias was so wicked that
a son of Solomon
a curse was placed pronounced
upon him & he was to be
childless, "no man of his
seed shall prosper, sitting
upon the throne of David",
Jeremiah 22:30

This Curse did not effect the legal
Claim to the throne

But Jesus was not the Son of
David through Joseph but through
Mary the Virgin who came of
David through the line of
Nathan

No Curse rested upon that line -
As the supposed Son of Joseph He
inherited the legal title to the
throne through Joseph -
Son of David through Mary,
Curse which rested upon Jeconias
was not upon Him

Matthew shows legal right
to the throne - in point
of law -

The genealogy tell the
story of corruption -
ruin & hopelessness.
written therein shameful
history of Israel
lost all is dark & hopeless

"When fulness of time —"
Sal. 4:4

Math. 4

The Testing of the King and His Testimony

1. The Testing by the Devil 1-11
2. His Testimony and His Disciples 12-22
3. The Powers of the Kingdom. 23-25

John knew his mission - Jno 1:23
His testimony as reported by Matt.
concerns the nation -

In Gospel of John we find the
record of another testimony given
by the forerunner. We know the
King also as the Lamb of God.

The expression -
"Kingdom of Heaven" - occurs here for
the first time. It is not an offer
of salvation - It is not a description
of the church - Not regarding
the betterment of our social life

"Follow Me"

I Jesus arrives in Galilee - Matt 4: 12 - 16
q. Between v. 11 + 12 a whole year
of Christ's ministry is passed over,
the year of:

Obscurity - His ministry
in Judea - John 1: 29 — 4: 42.

Now at Matt 4: 12 we begin the year of:
Popularity - Christ's
Galilean ministry.

Opposition (outside of
Judea + Galilee)

B. Reasons for leaving Judea -

1. His ministry + ministry of
John the Baptist was causing some
confusion + misunderstanding in Judea.

2. John's imprisonment by Herod.

Threat on life of Jesus - first murderous
attempt on his life was in Nazareth -
He left - went to Capernaum.

To be persecuted for the gospel's
sake is a blessing but no need
to take unnecessary hazards -

Local missionary went back to
Capernaum to die - His life it seems
would have been more valuable

Q. Why did Christ choose Galilee?

1. It was the will of God v 14, 15
fulfilled prophecy Isa. 9: 1, 2
Christ directed His life by O.T. record.
2. Galilee's need was great,
"sitting in darkness - sitting in shadow
of death"
3. Population was of a mixed character.
It was fitting that the Saviour of the
world should begin His ministry in
an area of Jews & gentiles.
4. Its strategic position.
It was at the intersection of the
great interior highways
of that day.

His message if v 17

a. Repent

1 Cor. 7: 10, 11
Acts 20: 21
Luke 15: 7, 10

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Andrew - John 1: 35-42

Brother of Peter - not a prominent
as Peter and others

Peter denied Lord - Repented bitterly -
Christ Himself forgave him -
Had a great ministry after Lord's
resurrection -

Preached great sermon on Day of
Pentecost - & some 3000 were saved
& baptized -

Healed lame man at Beautiful
gate of the Temple -

Even raised one from dead
First to lead a Gentile to faith
in Christ -

But he could have done none of
these had he never been led to Christ!

Andrew his own brother taught
him to Christ -

Andrew found boy with 5 loaves
& 2 small fishes at feeding
of 5000 -

Philip

Lord found him & called him & Philip
followed

Some Greeks had come to Jerusalem
asked Philip to take them to Jesus

He called Andrew to go with him & they took the Greeks to Jesus -

Philip found his friend Nathaniel & told him that he had found the Mesijs (Heb) who was the Christ (Greek) who was foretold in Old Testament -

Philip had not had a cause in witnessing - He just told his own experience -

Minister - Dr. J. Hartford, Conn.

Infidel sat beside him
After 6 mos Minister would say
All you have said has no value
for I have accepted Jesus
Christ as my personal Saviour
I know He lives & there is a God -
for He dwells within my heart
I know there is salvation for I have
experienced it - you cannot deny my
right to express it -

After 6 mos -

Infidel = "If you would argue
with me. I am sure I could win the
argument. best I cannot escape the
fact that you have had an experience & God -
Show me how to be saved!"

Live your belief -

Some years ago in England a condemned assassin - Chas. Peace, was being led to the scaffold to die. At his side walked a Clergyman talking to him - After some time Chas. Peace suddenly said -

"Do you really believe what you have just been telling me?"

"Certainly I do" said the Clergyman - very vehemently a bit shaken by such a question - & Peace said in a very hard tone - "No you don't!"

If I believed what you believe I would crawl across England on my hands & knees over fields strewn with broken glass to tell men & women about it! You don't believe it yourself!"

Last million at the judgment may point their finger at us & charge us with their doom

Their salvation depends upon our faithfulness - God means you when He says "So ye."

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Nicodemus - Cautious Inquirer
(Searcher for the Truth)

John 3: 1 - 15

Good birth - good works - religious - not self -
to merit God's favor or blessing.

Three Imperatives of John III

1. Sinners Imperative - or
Human Imperative. 3: 3 - 13

Nicodemus - ruler - member of Sanhedrin
but had an open mind - Questioned
the new birth - physical? -
Christ's explanation vs 5 - 13

1. Water is the Word Eph. 5: 26
John 15: 3 & John 17: 17

2. Water - ^{not ordinance} John 1: 32, 33 repentance
from sin - Abid renewing &
transforming of the Holy Spirit -

3. Water - of water from the Holy Spirit
John 7: 37 - 39

II The Divine Imperative -

v. 14 - 17

Num. 21 -

1. Men are serpent-bitten.
2. God has provided a remedy.
3. To be healed - must look in faith & accept God's provision for cure.
4. Provision is made by the love of God & freely offered to everyone.

III Saint's Imperative -

Child of God has a responsibility - Make Christ first.

John Cast your all upon
Him Believe Him for salvation -
Trust Him with your life -
Put Him first John 3: 30
Do ye - Do tell.

His promise John 4: 14

Regeneration: Means born again!

Instantaneous divine act by which God infuses into the soul by the Holy Spirit -

Conversion: Turning to or from

Conversion is fruit of regeneration.

The moment we pass from death unto life - we are saved! not a process of education. Instantaneous work of the Holy Spirit not a part of your will. Your will is contrary to God's will!

I have a need - I desire then the Holy Spirit takes that disposition & uses it but it is His act - not mine!

Self is what I like - Holy Spirit gets changes that turn me around - now you think of Christ - what He desires of you - It is all of God -

John 4: 1 — 42
The Woman of Samaria

Time: Dec. AD 28 or 29 = v6 Sixth Hour -
6 PM - Roman time. Jewish: 12 noon
End of Christ's first year of ministry;
beginning of 2nd year -

Samaritans: Origin & cause of
Jewish dislike -

They were a mixed race of Jew and
Assyrian (2 Kings 17: 25 - 28 - 30)

They mixed the law and idolatry.

2 Kings 17: 34, 29 - 31

The Jews refused to let the Samaritans
help in rebuilding the temple

Ezra 4: 1 - 6

Golden Text: John 4: 14

People today are mentally sick
morally sick & physically sick -
Our generation has tremendous
needs. Quo "One out of 20
living today will be committed
to a mental hospital - before he dies."

One out of 5 will consult
a psychiatrist. There are
great voids in the human
heart that only Christ can fill.
Today's message is as much for us
as the Samaritan woman -

a. Why He leaves Judea: 4:1-6

b. why "much" He go thru Samaria v. 4

1. Was shortest route - but not one
usually taken

2. A protest against narrow
protection - racial
prejudice - Messiah
had a universal ministry

3. Christ knew longing for
salvation in this woman's heart
& need for salvation in Samaria

4. The disciples like us needed
a lesson in service.

II The Preparation - The dialogue v. 7-12

A. Christ's request - appealing to her sympathy v. 7-9 -

Established contact & conveyed to her His true unselfish interest.

B. Christ's Claim - appealing to her curiosity v. 10-12.

III The Promise: v. 13-14

This promise appeals to her basic needs. Two types of water - physical or natural - & other spiritual what water does in the natural world. The spirit does in the spiritual - cleanses - refreshes - & is essential to sustain human life -

For 40 days - out food - Only 7
out water -

Two types of satisfaction illustrated -
here -

Salvation - Service

v. 15-19. The Petition -

She thirsted. One of the greatest enemies hindering people coming to Christ is Indifference.

If one will only thirst -
to will drink water
of life - be satisfied

B = Christ's Condition - be call
thy husband

Moral investigation

→ Know her sins
+ needs - Cogn. & drink
+ receive God's gracious
gift

Results: v. 28-29 & 39-42
not - go to church & pump hard for a drink

Spiritual life like an
artesian well - spring
within - fresh & flowing

4 steps to discipleship

1. Obedience - of calls indeed -
2. Faith in Christ's Death, Service, Leadership - of fellowship
3. Apostleship

The call Math 4:18

Old glories - Submission, Service, Sacrifice
Tender call - My way - God's way -
not your way any more but mine -

The way from earth to Heaven -

Imperial call - Royal call -

Call to surrender - Christ hood
Absolute authority to tell them

To follow him -

1. Way of Nazareth - ordinary living
Daily routine business
2. Way of Wilderness - Satay - 40 days - Seton
3. Way of crowds - much of way of Christ
was with crowds - so much he
could hardly see crowds need him today

Way of Bethphage

Way of sorrow -

Not a path of roses -
long days of monotonous work - but

Way of peace - eternal joy

Whom did he call

Peter & John

Ordinary fishermen

Busy - not busy & indiff-
with people - **Exuberant**
successful I suppose -

Ministers - Billy Graham -
be success for at any time
except President **God calls busy people**
not rich - not popular -

not seem ^{just ordinary}
middle class & the men -
They were not educated but were
intelligent ~~surrendered~~ Christ taught
them

They followed immediately
left their nets - **(V17) pearls**
nets & girdle - **all nets**
every thing - **V**
V 20 nets

left to their family -
sacrifice -

Permanent Obedience -

Never went back - to stay
Peter went back one night - after
Peter caught nothing -

for service - **I'll make you**
fishers of men - perseverance

Matt 17:1

Matt 16 - whom do men
say I am ?

whom do you say I am

17. Here we have whom God says He is
thou art my beloved Jesus before then
Luke says 1. The next day when they saw
demon - 2. Custom pray all night
3. Disciples sleepy -

Transfiguration at night for these
3 reasons

Outward appearance
same as before coming
earth - will be in heaven
in eternity - Outsides same
as he was inside -

This was light from inside
manifested - inside out

Moses - Law
Elijah - Prophet

Isaiah - death of Lord Jesus Christ

Thurs night

3. The days before Crucifixion

Why have you forsaken me - ?
(Judas)

Peter

Time - Calling of P & J John
met Mark - 2nd yr.
Jn 1 - 31-51 met

1st yr Obscurant
2nd Popularity
3rd Opposition - Time

Place - Mt Hermon

Transfiguration 2nd incidence

Persecution - in Jerusalem

Introduction -

Child born - must grow
Christians must also grow
to spiritual maturity
→ N.T. writer
spiritual growth of a Christian

lesson truth - love

Jan

4 yrs

Peter, James & John

Matt 4:18-22 : 17:1,2 =

Mk 14:32-38 Acts 12:1-3

D.T. Acts 4:20

Place - All of 4 took place on sea of Galilee

Clouds of separation - Mt Hermon far north
in Palestine -

Rest events - Jerusalem -

Intro:

Conversion no more end of spiritual experience than the birth of a baby is end of its physical growth. As a baby is born ^{to live} & to grow in many ways throughout its entire life, so we are born again in order to grow to spiritual maturity. This development process should continue throughout life.
Many times we do not grow.

Basic training. Jesus had only 3 years of ~~to~~ with these men of whom he was to intrust the spreading of the gospel & founding of his church. He must communicate to them some basic truths — they must themselves experience

salvation —

Be convinced of his duty
& The hopelessness of sin
as well as being ready to endure
hardship for their Master's sake.

Lesson today shows how Christ gave
in remotest cl of his disciples
this basic training -
Should help us better understand
His training program for us.

Four main steps to discipleship

I Obedience - Call of disciples

II Troubleshooting

III Gethsemane

IV James tells Peter his unbelief
Faithfulness

1. To follow me - test of obedience -
To follow means { submission -
service
sacrifice

A. Three calls -

1. To faith John 1: 35-51 Then about yr later
2. To discipleship - service. Some months later
3. To leadership - apostleship - Mk 3: 13-19 Luke 6: 12-24

B. The nature of the call - "Come after me -
Follow me - " This is my way
Come in the way with me -
from earth to heaven - Set the
soul in the direction of my soul -

1. It was a tender call -
Isaiah - "All we like sheep have
gone astray - - - "
2. Imperial call - Royal call -
unquestioned demand for surrender -
He called men to subjection to
him & comradeship with him
in the Way -

The Way of Nazareth - long years daily
rounds - routine work -
the Way of the Wilderness - - short sleep
struggle with Satan -

The Way of the Crowds -

+ heavy suffering

The Way of Gethsemane - +

Calvary -

not a bath of woes -

but a way of peace & eternal life

C. Whom did He call?

1. Busy men - energetic -
enthusiastic - successful in pursuit.
Lazy, inactive people not usually
used in the Lord's work -
Most great preachers could have
been successful at anything else

2. Common men - (not scurvy)
Pharisees -> middle class -
not rich - not paupers - not
scum - middle class ->
Jesus taught them

D. How did they respond -

1. Immediately

2. Sacrificially

3. Permanently

4. Service - Fishers of men

The Vision of Christ in Glory Mark 14:34-35

Happened at night - Mt Herman
aroused their adoration - Conveyed the
He was no mere man - He was Very God -
We too must be amazed - captivated by His
Majesty 1 Peter 1: 16-18

Same Divine glory shone through ~~that~~ - Outward
expression of what He was inside God of Very God -
God spoke v5 - "Hear ye him" -

III Realization of awfulness of sin -

~~III Willingness Endure Hardship for Him~~ Mark 14: 32-38

~~Gethsemane = Winepress~~
He asked disciples to watch with Him
not over Him - He was going to be crucified
for whole world - They were to pray for
themselves not for Him -
Do not date judge them - Our
failures are similar & too great -

IV The Willingness to Endure Hardship for Him

Acts 12: 1-3

Herod - killed James - son of John -

Peter in prison - until
Feast of Passover - ended then to be
killed. To please Jews -
Angel of Lord - took over

There is a war on the forces of
darkness against forces of light

World crucified Christ - it will
do the same to us if we
identify ourselves with him
in His service -

Lesson - gives us glimpse of some
of experience through which
the Lord took His disciples - process
of leading them from what
they were to what He planned
them to be - fishers of men

His training program for
us

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Simon and the Repentant Woman

Luke 7: 36-50

G.T. Eph 1: 7, 8

Theme: Love for God and Man springs from a deep sense of forgiveness -

Christ speaks to two people in our lesson - They were different in their intellectual - spiritual - moral & social background - but had something to say to each one - He loved them both - He has something to say to you -

The woman was lost in obvious sin - It was easy for her to feel her need and come to Christ -

Simon was lost in cold, religious, loveless Pride that obscured his need from himself - though right from Christ. Jesus had to tell the saintly, forbible in order to penetrate Simon self-satisfaction - self righteousness)

7: 34 ^I Simon invites Jesus into his home - An unworthy welcome
v. 44 - 46
A self-righteous Pharisee - Conscious of his ~~high~~ position doctrinally, fundamentally,
of his separate life from the world,
of his supposed spirituality,
patronizes the Lord Jesus
by inviting Him to dinner.
Why - we are not told - ~~He~~
treated Christ with an almost
studied disrespect. Reading between the lines ^{he} probably wanted to catch
Christ in something wrong.
He watched Him - He listened
hoped to find a charge against
Him -

II

A repentant woman anoints

Jesus' feet. 37-38. She was
an uninvited guest.

a) a sinner
a woman of bad reputation -
maybe she had made a mistake in
her past life - not necessarily a
public prostitute. Whatever her
sin - it had followed

b) Alabaster box of ointment - 137
frag - long neck - easily
broken - made of semi-transparent
white or yellow stone.

c) Called a perfume - left a
fragrant odor -

d) Kissed His feet - Simon had not
given Jesus the usual warm
Oriental greeting due any
guest who came into the
home -

e) Jesus was gentle with the
woman because He knew
her heart -
World may not understand you
but Jesus knows your motives -

He Jesus didn't openly criticize Simon
He was too good a psychologist

III

The Parable 39-43

an unanswered parable

a. 39 - Simon silently consorts Jesus. "He was no prophet if He were He would know what kind of woman this was" He didn't know the facts

How would we stand before our fellow Christian if Christ openly answered the thoughts running through our minds?

b. "This man" or this fellow - a derogatory remark.

c. Two debtors - the Pharisee and the woman

D - "Pence" = 17⁴ 85.00 ^{Woman} + 8⁵⁰ ^{Simon}
Told this for Simon's sake, The Woman ^{already due}

E - "Forgone most" Jesus does not put a premium on the quantity of sin but rather on the Consciousness of it

Simon - self-righteous = needed some salvation as woman -

~~IV~~ The Rebuke of Simon 44-47 Christ notices neglect & appreciates devotion -

We do not take time to pray - to read
God's Word - to minister to others in
need - neglect devotions to Christ.

Unworthy welcome of Simon the Pharisee -
no warm welcome - no water
for His feet - no oil for His head -

Woman showered feet with her kiss
Perfume for his feet -

Christ notices affection for Him
"loved much" - is proof of the
Forgiveness -
wet sidewalk not cause
of rain but proof of rain -

Pharisee not sinned - his
sins not forgiven because no
manifestation of love in
his treatment of Christ

Easy for us Christians to pride our-
selves in the fact that we do
not smoke, drink, gamble, curse -
we pay tithes, yet we do not
sense the depth of our sin

for which Christ suffered.

We do not feel the need of sincere
daily confession of sin to
Christ - daily cleansing -

Easter Sunday Mar. 29, 1964

John 20

(Encounter with Mary and Thomas)

The first Christians believed that Jesus rose again because they met him. No one could have argued with them about the fact of the resurrection they had a personal encounter & that is the final evidence of truth. "We have seen the Lord" is the beginning of faith & the end of all debate.

If Christ is not available now it doesn't matter whether the tomb was empty or not - what the heart needs today is not a doctrine of the resurrection but a living Lord. This is exactly what the Easter brought to the earliest Christians. Each separate experience brought of those thrilling forty days centers in a face-to-face encounter with the risen Christ.

1. Meets the women who hastened to the tomb & his glad "ALL HAIL!"
2. He calls Mary by name
3. He joins the sad conversation of the two walking to Emmaus
4. He meets the eleven at evening where Thomas had his doubts removed.

5. The Lakeside in Galilee - Jesus cooks breakfast -
6. The upper room in Jerusalem
7. Hillside above Bethany -

Then as now - the unanswerable evidence of the resurrection of the Crucified Christ is the risen Christ.

Four private individual
meetings that held especial
significance for us today.

1. He was seen of JAMES
when, where & why what means
we are not told. The effect we
know - the reason? we conjecture

Before Calvary none of Christ's
family was found the twelve.
Most thought Him mad (★)
sought once to protect Him from
Himself. Is Mary this
mother was committed to the
care of John not to his
brothers. But afterward James
postor "First Bapt Ch" Jerusalem
joined for pity & prayer

Christ showed himself to

None who did not believe -
refusing to gain faith by
supernatural powers or display
holiness was evidently somewhere
between unbelief & faith - and
the meeting with Jesus confirmed
this faith that was just begun &
willing to grow -

2nd private Interview
not much said about it -

When two run rejoicing from Emmaus
to Jerusalem they find the disciples
discussing an appearance
of Jesus unto Peter. That is all we know
what Jesus said to shame-faced Peter?
What Peter stammered out at first
meeting since his denial - we cannot
guess. But Peter was restored,
forgiven & renewed

3rd Personal Interview -

Mary - out of whom "Jesus cast
seven devils". Lingers in
the garden - crying to the
place where she had last seen the
Lord - Through her tears she fails
to recognize the Master until He
calls her name - then all is changed -

She says only "Pabonji" =
Master - she worships him.

Fourth. - is very
different -

Paul rides to Damascus to
persecute Christians - but he has
been struck by the truth of Christ
he had seen Stephen die - & had
helped - holding his - Stephen's clothes -
suddenly Christ appears - &
Paul surrenders - "Lord
what wilt thou have me to do?"

So to these 4 the truth
of the resurrection is brought
home by transforming
encounter with the risen
Christ -

Ja. - James' need was to learn
the truth & to find the divine
wisdom that he later writes about
Agony of doubt we suppose was
set aside.

James typifies the inquiring
mind - the teachable &
humble spirit - latter he
wrote later - over 50 echoes of
of sayings of Jesus in 5 Chapt.

2a. Peter's need was to be ~~forgiven~~
~~reinstated, comforted &~~
souled from self-reproach &
despair. His agony was set
aside by pardon -

Peter was prepared for the encounter
by self-accusing, broken-hearted
penitence. None, in any age
have seen the living Christ more
clearly than they who have sought
Him through repentant tears.
Those who have been redeemed from
the darkest sin are firmest in
their conviction & about the
honest - 'Jesus lives'

3a. Mary's preparation to see the
Lord was just devoted love,
anguish at Christ's absence,
satisfied with His presence -
seeking nothing but to have Him
near -

4a. Paul's was a heart of
sincerity - deep thought -
striving & defeat -
He was a strong man
with deep conviction -
loyal

Attitudes of mind & soul are important if we are to know the truth about Christ -

1. Doubt - that is unteachable & proud - will never know Christ (not like James)
2. Despair (not like Peter) Hard - rebellious, to 't the risen Lord can never come
3. Sorrow - (unlike Mary), grows bitter, cynical self - pitying - to 't Christ comes & give comfort.
4. There is a conflict that turns sceptics & careless! learns nothing of power of Christ

There must be a searching mind in love with truth
Beneath despair must be a penitent, longing spirit
when behind ~~despair~~ sorrow
There beats a loving heart -
Through bitter conflict
remains an earnest will
yearning to be obedient

There Christ can make His presence known - "Peace be unto you"

Thomas -

Man's Place in God's Universe

Psalm 8. Author David

Time 1000 BC. Place: Hills of Bethlehem.

Psa. 8 - 81 - 84 were sung at the Feast of Tabernacles - or at the ingathering of grape harvest. Also applies to Christ the person described in this psalm, "He shall tread the wine press alone, Isa. 63: 3"

"Of whom does the Psalm speak? what is its scope?"

Rom. 5:14 "Adam is a figure of him that was to come" The Psalm deals primarily with the last Adam and his world which is to come.

This Psa. was evidently composed at night probably in the early shepherd days when wild creatures crept around the fold, & night birds screamed, reminding the sweet songs - David of the animal world in the human kingdom -

"Jehovah our Lord" - Psa 110: 1

Our Lord Jesus is here.

"2: His name excellent on earth; his glory the crown on the brow of the sky. And so mighty that His strength communicated to others is more than enough to vanquish & silence His foes."

I Cor. 1: 25 "Matt 21:16 Jesus"

Let us who are but babes, rejoice
that we are so weak & helpless;
this is the very way of
acquiring God's strength.

If Cor. 12: 9, 10

At first sight there is a great
descent ~~from~~ the works
of the sublunar ~~of~~ of God in the
providence
to frail man the son of Adam
whose very name implies that
he is ~~of~~ of the dust (earthy) -
How should so great a
God visit him?

15-8 Man in his original state
was only a little lower than
the angels & he was.
invested with power over
the animals - all lower
orders of creation - Gen 1: 26
Some faces - eyes -
Human & voice over
animals - Sin rolled

this Crown into the dust, we have
to win authority with effort,
+ retain it with difficulty.

We do not now see all things
put under us - But His
Most power has been re-
acquired by Jesus as man.

Matt 28:18

And in His kingdom it shall
be restored to man. Isa 11:6-9
And from the redeemed creation
shall arise the words
with which this Psalm begins
+ ends Rom 8:19-22

I The Lord's Return in Glory - Matt. 25: 31

II The Great Judgment and Separation.

Matt. 25: 32, 33

III The Great Determining Principle for the Separation and Blessing -

Matt. 25: 34-40

I
The Lord's Return In Glory -

1. The Lord Jesus calls himself by the distinctive title - "The Son of man." I Cor. 15:45-47
2. The Lord Jesus speaks of his coming in glory as the "Son of man."
3. The Lord Jesus

Fellowship of the Saints

acts 2: 41-47

Three thousand were saved:
not many when a whole nation
should have believed but

there was great rejoicing
One of great blessings of Christianity
is Fellowship of the Saints.

Judaism - no provision made -
except on special feast day -
Tabernacle & Temple no meeting
place for ministry or fellowship

Devout folk gather then longer

for get-together - eventually
synagogues built - origin
obscure - maybe Babylonian
exile

v. 42 recog - 4 diff kinds of
meetings we have today

1 - Teaching or preaching the
Word of God -

2. Fellowship with the saints.

Believers should meet together
in separation from the world.

There is nothing for the
soul of a saint in this
sinful world - feel
like a stranger in it.
How good to get "home" among
one's own bros. & sisters in Christ.

3 Breaking of Thread.
They honored the Lord's
last request to remember him
in breaking bread -

4 Prayers -

We come together for united
prayer
Lavene Preed

Baptism

1. Acts 2: 39

Baptism not taught as being essential
to salvation - Acts 2: 40 - received
the word of God - were believers -

2. Acts 8: 12 - Samaritans believed
were baptized ^③ See Acts 10

Cornelius & friends had already
received the Holy Ghost before Peter
ordered their baptism -

4. Acts 18: 8 Corinthians heard, believed
were baptized.

5. Acts 22: 16 Does a sinner wash
away his sins - his own guilt
before God? Certainly not
(Believers act in washing
away sins in sight of men)?

6. Gal. 3: 27 As many as have been baptized
into Christ have put on Christ.
By faith we are in Christ before God
By baptism we are in Christ
before men - it is our
Confession where they can
see & know it,

In Acts 2: 38 Peter is not
implying baptism - they would
receive permission of sin
Word for is unto

1 Peter 3: 20, 21 Sometimes used
as proof text for baptism
as means of salvation -

Ark of safety - Christ on
Cross - Judgement fell on
Nim - not us Waters typify
the waves & billows of judgment
which lifted Christ up on the
Cross - It is by that redemptive
work we are saved
Like Noah & his family we
who are believers are safe &
secure in Christ
we are saved by the baptism
of judgement Christ knew
of Calvary, not by the
baptism of water. Text says
baptism is a "like" figure

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Church Service

Luke 5: 27
who lives in your home - ?

V - 29.

Jesus lived in heart of Levi - after Levi invited Jesus into home. Jesus visited Levi = office = knew longing of his heart -

Not just joining church - but asking Jesus to come into your heart -

Eg - preacher visited home - asked wife question of wife - "Does Jesus live here?"
Husband came home, asked wife "if she had a good day" - "No" she said. Preacher said "why did not you tell him - where we moved from - you were SS teacher - WNU Worker - I was brotherhood - etc
She said - told him that but he still said "Does Jesus live here?" Disturbed them -
They got down on knees - From that day on they knew Jesus lived there -

Jesus lived in Levi's possessions
after he came into Levi's heart & home - All was for glory of God -
Pastor - 1st Bapt Ch - End Mrs
Jesus saved - before baptism -
Bible held in pocket - with
Bills - wanted pocket book baptized
too -

Levi wanted his friend to know Jesus
Invited his old buddies, who were look-
-to know Jesus. Levi had concern
for others besides his own family.

Some can be a bit like Leaven on
earth - if Jesus is real -

Love One Another: I John 3: 11, 12

II Corinthians

Christianity is worship of a man Christ
We worship God of Heaven —

It is a giving religion — give ourselves first
when we give gifts — give in name of
Christ — whose birthday we celebrate
God gave the greatest gift to mankind that
has ever been given since time began
His only begotten son — Jesus — for
the redemption of the world

The reason Christ had to die was
because of sin — our sins — the sins
of everyone in the world — because
man could not be perfect and
perfection is what God demands —
Our perfection is in Christ — Jesus
paid our debt for sins

Fall in love with Christ — Accept him
as your personal Saviour —
Some of these days we shall stand
together in His presence.

Our reward will be as great
as the things we have done in
His name —

Show the world around us
how we are remembering the birthday
of the King —

Book of Acts

Writer = Dr. Luke + addressed to
Theophilus as is the gospel of Luke.
Is a continuation of the account
of Christianity.

The Theme

Gives history of Christianity - its introduction
— as it takes the place of Judaism,
which for many centuries had been
the God-given religion.

Shows how the church is formed
& how work of preaching the gospel
of God's grace extended from
Jerusalem till it reached Rome
ever going westward.

Has in view the church as a
whole - not growth of local churches
promised by the Lord in Jno 10:16
Conceived at Pentecost

The church was such a
new thing - its revelation had
to be given slowly - It
took years for these new
believers to be delivered
from Jewish thinking,
and ceremonies etc

Four gospels ans. to the book of
genesis in O.T. giving us
the beginnings of things -
Exodus pictures next the
book of Acts = giving the
story of the "going out" of
the people of God not from
physical bondage & in their
deliverance from Egypt's
slavery - but from the bondage
of the law ("a yoke") Peter
calls it Acts 15:10 which
neither their fathers or they were
able to bear.

In book of Acts - Grace
takes the place of the law.
Christianity the place of
Judaism -

Israel as a nation
refused & rejected its King -

Acts present gathering
together of all the children
of God - believing Jew
& Gentile united in
one Body by the Cross
Eph. 2:16

Acts is largely history - growth
of Christianity - early church

Coming out of Judaism -

Look for history in the Acts - Look for doctrine in the Epistles -

The Acts divides readily into two main parts.

Chapts. 1 - 12 Activity of ^{apostle} Peter
" 13 - 28 Activity of ^{apostle} Paul

Acts 1: 1 "Began Christ's finished work on the cross
He laid the foundation for His church
We - God's people have the responsibility & privilege of
building upon this foundation -
Preaching, witnessing &
winning souls by preaching this gospel of grace - ^{living stone}

Books of "facts" (Luke wrote one)
Followed by book of "Acts"
If we truly believe in Jesus
we are going to act upon that belief
He gave example of
Him who began to do and
Teach - He left us down here
to continue the work He
began - John 17:4 "I have glorified
thee on the earth; I have finished the work
which thou gavest me to do."

all thru Gospels. note - our Lord
seldom did things which
others could do as well.
~~hazares~~ - others to move the
~~stone~~ - He alone could bring
back to life.

He broke five loaves & two fish -
The disciples could distribute them.

This book has been called
"The acts of the Holy spirit"
Without Him all human efforts
would be fruitless indeed.

The Spirit uses you & me as His
instruments - creating in our
hearts a desire to serve the Lord
& furnishing power to do so

Phil. 2:13

Remember these vital truths

1. The Lord can use you.

2. God can use you as you are.
(we do not all have same capacity)

3. Your usefulness will grow as
you use what little you may
have now. Yes! & blundering
increase in ability

5. God will use you where you are John 15: 16

ordain = "put" - Gardner puts
plays where he believes do best -
so Lord puts you one to bear fruit
for Him -

5. He will supply every need
reward you well when payday
comes - at judgement seat of Christ.

Jesus did + then taught - not like
the pharisees -

May God help us to do + be before
we tell others what to be + do -
Luke tells speaks of 40 days Lord
spent with His disciples - after His
resurrection - before He was taken
up

They saw the Lord on a no.
of occasions - on one of which
He told them to stay in
Jerusalem until they should
be baptized with Holy Spirit

Luke 24: 49

Matt 3: 11

In Acts 1: 5 Lord tells
that day is close at hand

Vs 6 - Disciples still did not understand purpose of God -
They were still thinking of a Heros kingdom here on earth & Christ King
He does not reply directly to their question - not till Holy Spirit
Came would they be filled to understand fully God's Word =

Acts - myself this apostolic ministry, slowly they would be delivered from their Judaistic prejudices + would learn that Israel as a nation was set aside + that the Cross of Christ was to be the means to unite Jew + Gentile into one Body.

Acts 1: 2, 9, 11, 22
"Taken up" (4 times)

Psa 68: 17 - honour guard of Angels - Chariots of God are 20,000 of angels

Eph. 4: 8 - connects directly with Christ's ascension

These thousands of angels are called the "Chariots of God."

10 11: Christ ascended from the Mt. of Olives when He returns to earth to reign shall come back to the very same place in the very same way *Zechariah 14:4*

Acts 1: 15 - 26

Judas committed suicide -

Later quotes from Psa. 109: 8

Not once after Pentecost (Acts 1:5) is the term "baptizing with the Spirit" found in scripture -

Tabernacle dedicated - Exo. 40:35
Temple of God set apart - 1 Kings 8:11
O.T. Types of church as God's spiritual house

I The Spirit did 3 things

a. He filled the house v2

b. He came upon each believer v3

c. He came into each of them to abide v4
all filled = v5. He filled all the house

If the H. S. furnishes: inspiration 1 Peter 1:21
Revelation (1 Cor. 2:10) illumination
1 Cor. 2:13

III. As to the past, as a teacher, He brings all things to remem-
berance. Jno 14: 26
As to the present, He takes the
things of Christ & shows them
to us. Jno 16: 14, 15
As to the future, He will show
us things to come Jno. 16: 8-11

Spirit was accompanied by 3
phenomena: He came as
a pushing, mighty wind, as
tongues of fire, & as tongues
He made Himself felt,
seen, & heard.

Suggestions = Spirits ministry:-
Regeneration - Sanctification -
Proclamation -

Wind Type of Spirit in wh of new
life - Not everyone saved
alike -

Micah - The Prophet: like Agur
is Countryman - from Moresheth -
green & fertile land - c abundant
Cattle-grazing, cornfields & olive
groves. He has sturdy
independence of many who lives
on the land - and being close
to scenes of hattle - He is
contemptuous of those who
"sit at ease in Zion" & do
not see the dangers.

Micah - speaks for the
poor - & speaks as one of
them. He is horrified at
the luxurious & degenerate life
of the city, & realizes that the
& his fellow peasants are
paying for it. In another
age he might have led a
"Peasants Revolt" although he
was no mere political agitator.
His concern is justice & a
right attitude toward God.

The Theme:

Micah has no political advice to
offer - & paints a picture of
the decay of ordinary justice -
the abuse of ordinary power
by court judges - bribery &

Micah as undignat. He sees the weak being overruled by the strong but greatest of all their failure to grasp the meaning of true religion -

Obedience to laws of God are binding upon rich & poor alike. Micah's most important message - in 6: 8 -

Name: from old form Mikayahu signifying "who is like unto Jehovah"

Home: from Maresketh - so. w. of Jerusalem - not a city boy - from 3: 1 he didn't like anything about city life

Personality: Micah must have been a very striking personality. He had strong convictions and had the courage to speak his convictions. Secret of his power found in 3: 8

Like every true patriot & true preacher he fearlessly uncovered sin & pointed to Christ.

He was a friend of the oppressed - he had Amos' passion for Justice and Hosea's heart of love -

Message of Micah might be divided into 3 sermons + a prayer - each of the discourses begins with "Hear"

1st Div = Chs. 1 + 2 "The message to the Nations" -

1st Ch God tells of the judgment upon Samaria & Jerusalem it is a dirge of sorrow because Nation has forsaken Him -

Ch. 2 - The Causes of God's judgment.

The unrighteousness was given by God as the reason why He had to pass judgment on all Israel

II Division - Chs 3 - 5
Begins with a summons to the rulers of Israel to hear the prophet's rebuke.

Solemn thing when the leaders of God's people could then to err. They who were raised up of God to rule the nation in righteousness - were the very ones who were leading the masses, astray. Often has been true of the church's history - We are familiar with terms -

The Clergy on "the Laity" but each individual is responsible to God

ch 3:

What God Requires of Man?

Mich 6: 1-8

725 BC

Name - means "who is like the Lord?"
Judean by birth - Moresheth,
about 20 miles S.W. of Jerusalem
He spoke to Samaria & Jerusalem

Ch. 1 & 2 = ^I Condemnation and
Captivity -

Chs. 3-5: ^{II} Reproof and Restoration
in the Kingdom.

Chs. 6 & 7: ^{III} Pleading and
Assurance of mercy.
Each Div. is marked by:

"Hear ye" 1:2 - 3:1 & 6:1.

Each Div. begins with:
a rebuke for sin,
the announcement of judgment &
the promise of blessing in
the Messiah -

Ch. 1. is a dirge of ~~Sorcery~~
because the Nation has for-
saken Him who would have
blessed them so richly had
they but walked in His
ways -

In Ch. 2 the unrighteousness (Vs. 1 + 2) is given by God as the reason why He desired evil against the whole.

Promise of Restoration 2: 12: 13

Second Div. begins with a summons to the heads & princes of Israel to hear the prophecy Rebekah. It is no longer the common people who are addressed - but the judges in v 1-4 and the prophets in v. 5-8 & then grouped together in v. 9-12.

It is a very solemn thing when the leadership of a nation & the leadership of God's people cause them to go astray - because they themselves have turned away from the truth.

In this Second Div. - it was the prophets themselves who caused the people to err.

3: 5 - Mercenary Prophets

V. 3:8 - Have I different the True
prophet & God! His secret of
power.

We will come back to
Ch. 4 next Sunday - & see
& study the glad tidings
of future blessings which
he told -
Read carefully 4 & 5 for ~~1/10~~

Naum Micah 6 - III

I God's complaint with Israel.
a. Basis of God's complaint -
Principle rather of His complaint
was that he had given so much
to his people - & "For unto
whomsoever much is given,
of him shall be much
Required"

The mountains had been
"spectators" from time immemorial
If they could speak - they
would testify to human sin -

Note the His & my indicates
their relationship to God in spite of
their sin - also to quicken their
consciences God could have destroyed
them -

God Had a Controversy w/ His People
always does when they walk - disobedience

B God's first goodness to Israel
God asks Israel to accuse
Him if He has any complaint.
What has He done to weary
them? God fulfilled every
promise & heaped blessings upon them

1. Redeemed them from Egypt
Not their own - It Cor. 5:14, 15
but His.

2 - Gave them able leaders
Moses - whom God talked ^{much} with
Aaron - Priest -
Miriam - prophetess
3. (15) Delivered them from
Curse of Balak - (which
in itself could not have
harmed Israel - but it might
have given courage to the
enemies of God's people -
& struck terror to hearts
of God's people -

Numbers 22 & 24

Shittim - last stop on last
of Jordan - and
Gilgal - first encamp-
ment on west of Jordan
(Lord dried up Jordan)

Have you felt at times that God
has wearied you? - Has He
made too heavy demands on you?

Count your many blessings
Name them one by one —
Have you received the
blessings? With gratitude
or indifference?
God loves His own

Israel's Response ^I 6: 6, 7

All of God's chastening
was with a view to
Israel's blessing.

The prophet puts into words
Isaiah's answer to God —
which shows their ignorance
spiritually — She says
Can I please Jehovah?
May be they were sincere? or
rather impetuous — wearied
with God's demands ??

1. v. 6 - = ordinary sacrifices —
2. ? - = extra-ordinary sacrifices?
3. First born? (Forbidden by law)
(Gen. 18: 21) God events
the giving of the spirit &
not the flesh —

It was not mere sacrifices He
wanted — It was righteousness
that was lacking —

The worship of God must cost
us something —

as a Christian have you put
all on the altar - I
surrendered that which
is most precious to you.

God's Requirements

6: 8
He does not leave an earnest
seeker in the dark - He
makes it clear to all men
of all ages what pleases
His heart

- a. To do justly - To live in
right relationship to our
fellow men. Honesty + integrity
- b. To ~~love~~ Mercy compassion
To do good + love kindness -
These two were duties
to man -

c. To walk humbly with thy God -

is to live in fellowship
with Him + to love Him supremely
This will impress on us
how great God is + how
foolish + sinful we are
shut away from His
presence -

Show in capable we are of
walking in integrity + consistency
without

King Cyrus of Persia had removed the Jews from Palestine; surely he would be the last person who would be expected to make it possible for the Jews to return to Palestine so that Jesus might be born there! Jeremiah 29: 10 more particularly in " 30: 10, 11 " most positively Jer. 33: 7-14 most astounding passage. Isaiah 44: end of Ch. X, beginning of Ch. 45 of Isaiah which was given more than a century before Cyrus was born, yet called him by name.

How could this be done?

Ans. found 2 records:

1 Chron. 36: 22, 23

Ezra 1: 1-4

Cyrus for no accountable human reason issued a decree that the Jews should return to Palestine & that those who did not desire to return should give material help to those who did return to the Promised Land -

What God has done He will do.

Jews scattered over the whole world. - They are no nation but remain a distinct race. Because of their religious relationship to Jehovah. He has given Thy hand to His people. He has ordained that all Israel shall be saved (Rom. 11: 26, 27)

Surely we may believe that there will be indications in God's Word of the steps & stages that lead to this end.

That the Jews would be scattered is a statement that is accompanied by the assertion that they will also be gathered.

Read Deuteronomy 28

Leviticus 3: 4, 5

(Combines the predictions concerning the scattering & gathering with the period between.)

Ezekiel 36: 19 - recorded
v. 24 other fledged -

N. Test. Luke 21: 24

Acts 15: 13 - 17

Not merely part of the Jews are to return but the whole
made clear by Ezekiel 37:

(v. 11 & 22)

Deut. 30: 1-10 ⑬

Jer. 23: 5-8
Luke 1: 30-33

Isa 31: 5
40: 8

Read Ezekiel 36 - 39

Zachariah 13 - 14

Romans 9-11 Rev. 19

God's Requirements of His Own

mi. 6:6-8

God requires more of his people than a mere outward form of obedience - Ceremonies. These people were like the Israel pharisee in Luke 18: 11-12.

God requires of men inner faith which is plainly revealed in His Word — 6:8

Integrity of heart - &
Consistency

3 Elements in divine regn.

1. To do justly & duties toward
2. Have mercy & follow man
3. Walk humbly before thy God.

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"God Demands Righteous Relationships"

S. T. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of Hosts shall be with you, as ye have spoken" Amos 5: 14

Time - 760 BC

Place - Bethel in Israel

Intro: Amos 5: 4 "Seek me & ye shall live" - The prophet is not talking about simple existence; we have all of that. He is exhorting the people to seek true, full, satisfying life.

This cannot be found apart from God -

God is righteous, & those who know Him & have fellowship with Him must maintain right relationships in all phases of their daily living. To claim to know God - while sustaining wrong relationships is a denial of such a profession.

If the heart is really in communion with God such inner spiritual reality is bound to be reflected out-of-wards in godly living.

People why are not in a right
relationship to God cannot
really live a godly life
reflecting His presence—
no matter how "religious"
they may be.

Israel could not lay claim
to blessings merely because
they were Jews, God's chosen,
concerned people.

Amos was called to
announce to the Lord's
professing people that God
in His infinite holiness
demands righteous relationships.
If they would not turn
from their evil way & seek God,
judgment was inevitable.

This message is appropriate for
our day.

I A Right Relationship to Society

Amos 5: 10-13

This passage and the book of Hosea are the two greatest passages in the O.T. revealing the yearning heart of God for His backslidden people.

Chapter 5: Amos views the Northern Kingdom as though the stroke of judgment from God had already overtaken the ungodly - the ruin is complete ^{v2} Nevertheless, God appeals to His people - 'Seek me & live' God wants men to live! He pleads with them to do that which will enable them to live. Life is taken in a broad sense physical & spiritual. The ultimate fulfillment is in the advent of Jesus Christ. when he came he said to that generation - Amos 5: 40 "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life"

The Charges:

- a. The bold sinner listed constructive criticism. v 10
- B. They oppressed the poor v. 11, 12 These leaders were covetous, dishonest, used ill-gotten gain for selfish pleasure & luxury. Judgment would come upon them.

They would not live in the house,
nor drink the wine of their vineyards.

Reason? v 12 - God knows the
manifest transgressions & your
mighty sins.

~~They~~ They perverted justice, 12 b.
~~Leaders~~ were cruel - except a
wise. The poor received no
justice -

and The silence of the prudent
v 13 - not a command: just
stating a fact.

II a right relationship to God 5: 14, 15

Parallels to these verses are found in N. T.

Rom. 12: 9 I Peter 3: 11
16: 19

The deeper meaning of the word "Good" - In book of Amos goodness is the doing of justice in society -

Fair play between man & man -
To seek God - is to seek good
To seek the ultimate good is to seek God -

Right relationship to God:

1. Produces right conduct - seek good (plus) 14a
Right evil -

2. Basis of spiritual blessing & prosperity -
Israel boasted that God was with them 5: 14b
them & that they were the people - no matter how they had sinned -

Easy to forget that fellowship w/ Lord must be maintained. 3 = ~~sep. from sin to confession of sins~~ 5: 15d

Good will never be done until evil is detected -

III A Right Relationship to Life 6:1-11
Between the first & second part
of our lesson, Lydia is
Correcting his heresy ideas
of the Day of the Lord v.16
By a ~~lack~~ of double reference -
the Day of the Lord refers to any
visitation of God in the near
future - in this context -
the destruction of Israel - 722 B.C.
by, Sargon II of Assyria.
The Day of the Lord also refers to a period
at the end of this age -
the first part of which is
a time of judgment
darkness - the tribulation;
The Second Part is of
peace & righteousness -
the Millennium.

In 5: 16 - 20
Amos says thy Day of the Lord
is a time of darkness;
then he says that sacrifice
will not avail to avert the
coming judgment, neither
will Sicles. 6: 1-11

V. 1-
Amos directs his remarks to
men at ease, secure, the
leaders to whom the people

* materialism
selfish pleasure
consumed
all of their time
no time for God

They are said to have crooned
or sung foolishly to the
accompaniment of the harp -

look for purity, justice, &
an example in holiness.
Now, about our leaders in
Washington?

The Charges:

v. 3 Trusting in false security -
They lived in a careless
manner putting off the
day of reckoning like
Belshazzar and his feast
and when Cyrus the great
encircled & took the city -.

Day 5 - Others trust in
former religion, religious
ancestry, good deeds.

v. 4-6 ~~*~~ Excessive self-indulgence
accompanied by a heartless
indifference toward the poor.
This is a picture of our day -
~~ease, glutony, rock n roll~~
~~music, drunkenness.~~
Joseph - Israel v6]

The Judgments 6:7, 8

These leaders will be the first
to go into captivity.
It took place within 40 years
of Amos' prophecy.

Conclusion: 5:12 "For I know
yours signs"

God knoweth everything we
do & think. Men looks on
the outward appearance,
God looketh on the heart.

I Sam. 16:7 "The Lord
regardeth iniquity, why will
he sayed? None. Is there
no hope? Yes.

Seek ye the Lord and live,
How? By hearkening to the
Word of God. There is forgive-
ness & peace to everyone
who believeth. This is
the only way to escape
from God's wrath.

It is an abiding all-
sufficient message.
Christ reclineth sinful men
This is the good news
that must be proclaimed
to a sin sick, indifferent
world.

Read II Timothy 2: 19
Meat Promise

2: 12, 13

Problem of this world has never been the lack of religion - which abounds everywhere

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WHAT MOTIVATES YOUR RELIGION?

G.T: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1. Sam. 16: 7

Time 760 BC Place.. Bethel (No important geographical points...)

ALL RELIGION IS BENEFICIAL????? WRONG....

Religion can be a tragic curse or a supreme blessing. It can substitute for a knowledge of God or be the medium of the vital worship of and service for God. It can be a yoke of bondage to falsehood and sin or a dynamic force for truth and righteousness.

WHAT IS OUR RELIGION? Answer lies largely in the inner reaction and motives of our hearts. True religion has its source in a loving trust in God as He is manifested in Christ.

The nation of Israel had substituted false religion for real religion in Amos' day. This is what professing Christians are doing in increased measure in the present era of deepening apostasy from the Word of God. The organized church continues its customs, ceremonies and even intensifies them, even when they have become meaningless. It is timely, therefore, for us today, to consider what motivates our religion? **WHY DO WE GO TO CHURCH? PRAY?**

GET BAPTIZED? ETC?????

I

THE SPECIFIC ACCUSATIONS 4: 1 - 5
(all of Ch. 4)

A. AGAINST THE "KINE" (COWS) OF BASHAN" V 1

The kine of Bashan were noted for their well fed and strong condition for the pastures on the East bank of the Jordan were lush.

1. Who is referred to?

Luxury-loving, extravagant women of the capital of Samaria. These insolent and self-pleasing dames oppressed the poor and crushed the needy.

2. What is the charge against them? They continually urged their masters..husbands.. to provide the needs for their drunken revelries. How many homes have gone on the rocks because of society craving, pleasure loving wives. To obtain the needed cash the husbands had to oppress the needy and poor.

2. WHAT IS THEIR JUDGEMENT? V 2, 3

They have known the judgment of the Lord has sworn by his holiness, V 2. righteousness, 5:24 Let us not mistake the silence and patience of God for indifference. God will judge the world in righteousness through Jesus Christ, Acts. 17: 31 Rev. 19: 11 Our God cannot tolerate sin and rebellion. Beware of a watered down theology that only speaks of a God of love. "Take you away with hooks" V 2. Captives were led by their conquerors by a hook through the nose. They will be helpless and completely at the mercy of their captors. As fish are taken out of the water by hooks, so the Israelites are to be taken suddenly and violently out of their cities by the enemy. (Other places tell us this enemy was Assyria)

V 3 The image happily represents the confusion with which one should hurry after another, reckless and desperate. Calves had been their object of worship; so like calves they had become in their

sensual animal life and like calves or cows they should flee in disorder through the breaches.

B.....Misdirected formal religion, 7:4,5
These words were spoken in biting irony. Amos invites the whole kingdom, not just the women to Bethel. Bethel and Gilgal were cities made holy by tradition and ~~sacred events~~ sacred events. Bethel where Jeroboam set up his calf worship; Gilgal where Joshua set up his headquarters.

These words are meant to convey that ~~every~~ thing was outwardly in order and done according to law, yet in the doing of them they were multiplying transgression. Why? Because at the same time they were steeped in all the debasing forms of idol worship. God is not pleased with a divided heart. They had lip service but not life service. It was outward and formalistic and not sincere and inward. It was head allegiance and not heart loyalty. "My son give me your heart" and let thine eyes observe my ways. Prov. 23: 26

5: 21 - 24 read

The stench of the people's sins, their hypocrisy, their rebellion made the people as well as their offerings nauseating to Him. God had not respect to Cain nor to his offering.. Note order.... It was the character of the OFFERER that God rejected not primarily the offering. The worship at Bethel was only an imitation of the true worship in Jerusalem.

II

The unheeded warnings, 4: 6 - 11

These are divine messengers... NOTE each rebuke is an indication of God's mercy and faithfulness. He wants sinners to repent. NOTE also man's stubbornness... "yet you have not returned unto me..."

III

THE CERTAIN DOOM V 12, 13 If we refuse to heed His gracious corrective warnings, then punishment is inevitable "Prepare to meet thy God..." It will not be in grace but in judgment. The future belongs to those who prepare for it. This encounter with God is certain, solemn, universal. None will escape. Saved and unsaved all will be there at one time or another.

HOW DO I PREPARE? Not by living up to your conscience; doing the best you can; joining the church; going to confession; baptism; doing "good works" The work of God is to believe on Him... Christ.. whom He - God - hath sent. John 6: 28, 29 It is not enough just to believe in God, we must come to God through Jesus.

CONCLUSION: If you are still unsaved, ~~this~~ think well how you will stand in that great day of His wrath V 13

For THE BELIEVER. walking carelessly... this word also has an application.

Taking his own way, he may despise the chastisement of the Lord and fail to harken to His voice. Not for long...

Sooner or later he must meet God and all will be gone solemnly into in His presence Oh, keep short accounts with Him who knows the secrets of all hearts..

5 kinds of offering that the people might bring to the Lord -

1. Burnt Offering
2. meat offering
3. Peace Offering
4. Sin Offering
5. The Trespass Offering

All these are a picture of what Christ did for us - each offering illustrates a different aspect of His life and death.

1. Burnt Offering -

1) Sacrifice animal without blemish - speaks of Lord Jesus who was perfect & always doing God's will. Luke 3:22 + 22:42

2) Offerer put his hand on the animal to say. "My sins are to cause this animal death" when it died it was as though the sinner had died too. Jesus was our substitute - that is - He died in our place

Rom. 4: 25 + 6: 3,4

3) Four animals could be used as offerings (Bullock, or ox) (sheep or lamb) (Goat) (pigeon or turtle dove) rich man - bullock

poor man - pigeon

Each animal speaks of Christ - our sacrifice Heb 9:11-14 + 10:5-7

The Most-holy Meel offering
closely connected with
Burnt offering - Jews probably offered
both) Bath off - speaks of
Christ - Burnt offer - shows His
perfect death - Meel offer - shows His
perfect life & humanity - (Read Luke)

- 1) Fine flour - purity of His life & character
- 2) Oil - speaks of the Holy Spirit
- 3) Frankincense - fragrant smoke
gives off a sweet smell when
burnt - speaks of the joy His
perfection gave to the Father -
Luke 3: 22
- 4) Salt: preserves & is a picture
of Divine wisdom

Mark 9: 49, 50 Col. 4: 6

- 5) Leaven was forbidden -
as it speaks of sin & corruption -
Christ was completely sinless -

II Cor 5: 21 I Peter 2: 22

Honey was not used -
likely to become sour

Lev 3:1 -

Peace offering: (animal without blemish)

when we become Christians, we do not only have our sins forgiven, but we are also brought to know God as our Father.

We can speak to Him & worship Him without fear, this is because the Lord Jesus has made peace through the blood of the Cross.

Cal 1:20

Eph 2:14-18
And God (now) looks on us as just as He looks on His beloved Son.

The peace offering was a picture or type of His work of our Saviour for us.

1 Cor 1:3
(Rom 5:1
Phil 4:7)

Sin offering

Here the illustration is of Christ as our sin-bearer who took the punishment of our sin on the Cross. Read Isa 53

I Peter 2: 24

3: 18

God could never overlook sin. He must punish it. The Israelites offered the sin offering & were forgiven because God looked forward to the time when

Christ would die on the Cross
and be the real sacrifice for sin
when he became sin for us
(1 Cor 1: 29 + Rom 3: 25 note) 1 Cor. 5: 21

(Without the Camp) The sin offering was
a holy offering unto the Lord, &
therefore & could not be burned
in the midst of the sinful
unholy people - just so
Jesus "suffered without the
gate" Heb 13: 12, 13
We should leave the old sin &
old habits when we go to Him
in faith for our salvation.

Trespass offering: This is
very similar to the sin
offering for both speak of
the Lord Jesus Christ as
our sin bearer, but this
offering reminds us of sins
first against God, & then
also against our fellow-man
for which the wages must
be paid. Rom 6: 23

Lev. 6: 1 - 6 When a man sinned
he not only displeased God, but
probably injured his neighbor -

His trespass offering could take away his guilt in the sight of God but he had to shame that he was sorry by making good or paying back any loss to the man he had wronged -

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"God Speaks Through Personal Tragedy" (Hosea 1-3 8:1-3)

Lesson 1: 1-9 & 3:1-3

Suffering & affliction are often the messengers of God to refine & purify the soul.

When we are going through deep trouble - our ears are more sensitive to hear God's voice. Adversity often makes our eyes more keen to see His holiness & glory & our hearts more ready to respond to His overtures of grace toward us.

When the believer sins - suffering may take the form of chastening - to turn him back into the path of obedience I Cor. 11: 32

For the tested saint - suffering is intended to renew, establish, strengthen, & settle him in trust of God. I Peter 5: 10

God often uses suffering to manifest His love and mercy. Joseph - suffered - to be exalted to a high position

become a deliverer &
& saviour of his people -

Job - upright man - feared God
& avoided evil - yet God
has spoken to countless
generations through the
tragic experiences of this
patriarch. - His latter
years were richer and
greater than the earlier ones.

Prophet presents another
example - where God
speaks through personal
tragedy -

G.T. Hosea 2: 19, 20

In the plan of God, the family life of the Prophet Hosea was the unfolding dramatic object lesson of the relations between God's commandments and "a wife of whoredoms" (Hos. 1:2) Gomer by name, who bore him 3 children. At God's direction each of the children was given a symbolic prophetic name related to Hosea's message of warning to Israel (v. 3-9). At this point, Gomer abandoned Hosea and her children to live as a harlot. God directed Hosea to find his unfaithful wife - buy her back - & restore her as his wife after a time 3: 1-3

This experience of personal heartbreak on the part of Hosea betrayed God's love for Israel. Gomer's immorality symbolized the spiritual adultery which the nation practised. Hosea's search for & purchase of Gomer - & his restoration of her after a time as his wife, showed his love for her - according to the love of the Lord toward the

children of Israel" 3: 1

For a time God had to chastise His idolatrous people as Hosea did adulterous wife: but when she was utterly destitute & forsaken, then she would be redeemed & restored. This restoration of Israel by God is what this text is describing.

"Will betroth" here has the significance of marriage. Betrothal is hardly forever but marriage is.

Furthermore, God does not enter into another betrothal with Israel since she has been his wife who has proved unfaithful; but she will be restored as a wife forever.

The remainder of Hosea 2: 19 presents the manner in which God will restore Israel as His wife. The four qualities which are mentioned are obviously divided into two complete sets of related words -

1. God will restore Israel as His wife "in righteousness, & in judgment" These are familiar words in both the Old Test and New Test. relating to God.

3) God will restore Israel as His wife "in loving kindness and in mercies". These words serve to describe the depths of love God has for His rebellious people. It is this love which first motivated His choice of Israel - and it is this deep affection which leads Him to search her out and to redeem her & to restore her as His wife.

The opening clause of Hosea 2:20 is another summation of God's blessed promise to Israel of restoration. The Hebrew word rendered "Faithfulness" is used here to describe the way God will deal with Israel in this restored & renewed relationship; this word stresses the stability and permanence involved.

Hosea

Key Word is "Return" - used 15 times.
Message: An exhibition of God's method in the restoration of backsliders.

This story is the tragedy of Hosea's domestic life, of which gave coloring to all his messages -

Darkness prevailed in Israel
(You can break the heart of God
but you cannot break
His love -)

In study of Hosea no one can charge the Lord with failure to warn & instruct.

From Samuel to John Baptist Israel was never without a faithful spokesman from the Lord. The Lord was patient with them & slow to anger even though they were far from Him at times.

Hosea prophesied in a period when Israel's pulse of spiritual devotion had all but ceased.

- I Demonstration for Conviction
- II Revelation for knowledge ¹⁻³
- III Correction for Obedience ⁴⁻⁶
- IV Education for discernment ⁷⁻¹⁰
- V Restoration for testimony ¹¹⁻¹³
- VI

II

The Church as a Building its stability + function

1 Peter 2: 4-10

A. Christ the corner stone 4, 6, 7, 8
Mt Peter - as Peter explains.

1/ Mat 16: 18 Eph. 2: 20-22
This precious to us who believe.

Because of what he has done for us;
is doing in us; and
before us as our example

1 Peter 2: 21

And what He is doing
through us.

B. Christians as living stones 9, 10

1. Their privileges "You are"
a. Chosen race objects of love of God
possessors of a common life.

2) Royal priesthood - appointed by a
King to participate in his
glory + dignity to offer
spiritual sacrifices
access into the presence of God
and offer sacrifices.

4 } bodies - Rom 12: 1, 2
 } gifts - Phil 4: 18

Praise - Heb 13: 15

good works Heb. 13: 16

^{you are!}

c) Holy Nation - separated from
world - dedicated to God.
we are to be governed by
God & to govern for God.

A people for God's possession -
we are God's possession
we are God's property -
we are a people among
whom God dwells

2. Their purpose - Christians as living stones - "that you might proclaim the excellencies of Him" - "Note what Peter says - "You are - that you might proclaim"

God blesses us with this fourfold blessing that we might declare to the world the Virtues - the unsearchable riches, the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into light

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH....

II Cor. 5: 14 - 21.. Eph. 3: 4 - 12

G. T: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19,20

Four-fold task of the church here:

EVANGELIZE,

ORGANIZE

INSTRUCT

OBSERVE

Man's responsibility (2 Cor. 5: 19-21
Eph. 3: 4-12)

This is not the responsibility of the pastor, the deacons, or a group of specially prepared Christians but of every saved person.

Methodist - Dr. Edmund Perry told a recent evangelism conference that revival services are now ill advised in fact unchristian. Privately he said - "I abhor the notion of individual salvation".

I. WE ARE AMBASSADORS...every Christian. An ambassador is the highest representative of one government to another.

He does not choose himself, . Chosen by the President to represent him. Does not belong to the government to which he is sent. We are strangers here this is satan's kingdom. Ours in heaven. He is not in another's land for his own profit but to represent the interest of another.

His instructions are in the form of a portfolio, Ours in the Bible.

When the government withdraws its ambassadors it is equal to a declaration of war. It will be just this at the rapture.

WE ARE MINISTERS, servants.. Eph. 3: 4-12
The message 4-6 and 8 A mystery is a sacred secret - that which was hidden in the past and now revealed.

The Power - grace of God v 7

the Purpose, v 10..

The Privilege - v 12 bold and confident access through faith in Him...

WITNESSING: Faith in action....

What is a witness? to testify in a cause.. or to be evidence by conduct or speech.. In the religious sense, it means to take a stand on one's personal convictions.

Astronauts John Glenn. Ed White.. others all seem to have a very definite witness as to their faith in God.

We can witness to our faith in three ways.. By BEING, DOING, and SAYING

What we ARE and DO may have the most impact on others in the longrun, but what we SAY about our beliefs .. and the way we say it.. should never become neglected.

The Bible teaches that believers should stand up and be counted for God. Christ said to His followers.."Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel..

In Matthew 28: 19, 20.."Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world...

He made no distinction between ministers and lay people.. old and young.

This is his command to all of us...

No church can remain healthy without witnessing..our personal faith would wither without it... Christianity would die without it.

OBSTACLES IN THE WAY

Once we have made a basic commitment of our life to God, and we are growing in our faith through prayer, Bible study and our church... we face up to the need to witness. What blocks us?

Seem a fanatic to others. Every person who ever pledges obedience to God has to face this possibility.

Fear of seeming to be a hypocrite. Ever since Paul's day, followers of Christ have had to accept the fact of their weaknesses and say to themselves.."In my imperfection He is perfect."

Perhaps we are naturally reticent and feel we have nothing to say. One woman who had all three of these blocks used these limitations as part of her witness to others. "I have always hesitated to share my beliefs. I was afraid I'd sound pious or self-satisfied when in reality I'm such an imperfect creature that I can hardly imagine how God can ever use me at all. Yet, I know that if I'm ever to grow in my Christian faith I must speak out. It's the hardest thing I've ever done, but I've got to do it".

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DAILY EXPERIMENT

Begin with a prayer.... promise God you will try to witness to people you encounter during the day. Then ask Him to guide you to the ONE SPECIAL PERSON He wants you to talk to. It will take some creative thinking but it can be done.

Member of your family.... neighbor... maybe a neighbor who has a sick child... for whom you promise to pray...

Help out in some practical way when there is sickness and trouble.

A telephone call comes from a friend who wants to gossip or criticize. You witness by turning the conversation to a positive note, finding some way to express gratitude to God.

It may be slow going for a while, but the day may become so meaningful you will ~~need~~ decide to make this experiment a permanent practice.

EFFECTIVE WITNESSING calls for courage and wisdom. It takes both... when to speak boldly and when to be quiet and use some other strategy. When you begin right... with PRAYER.. you will find as you practice, that God will lead you and prepare the way.

For the best insight into witnessing, read and reread the first 3 chapters of Acts. Christ has been crucified, His disciples have scattered, all seems lost. But then comes the Resurrection. Jesus appearing before His followers, tells them to gather together and wait for power.. that when they receive the Holy Spirit, they are to witness "unto the uttermost parts of the earth"

Holy Spirit leads those who are willing: to COMMIT their lives to God..

SUBMIT themselves to a growth process and then say in effect, "LORD, MAKE ME A CHANNEL FOR YOUR POWER.

ABOUT SERVING HIM...

What most of us are needing to reconsider is that outside the will of Christ there may be much activity but there can be no service.

1. Spiritual service is being RATHER than doing.
2. Its ruling motive must be love to Christ
3. It must be Christ-directed and Spirit-endued.
4. Its first priority is soul-winning, and its mightiest weapon is prayer.

Jesus said: Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men". Some are called to full-time service as ministers or evangelist or missionaries, etc. Most of us, however, can give only our spare time to specifically religious activity; though in one sense of the word we are always on duty for Christ at work or wherever we are... But whether we are in full-time Christian service or not, we are called to be witnesses for Him; and one thing we all should keep constantly in mind is that our highest service, even as it is ever the most urgent, is the winning of souls to Him.

WHAT IS THE DESTINY OF THE CHURCH?

1. RESURRECTION. I Cor. 15: 20-26

3 pictures given here: 1st, Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection, and we shall follow. Second, in Adam all men die, but in Christ shall all believers be raised. 3rd, Jesus completes His task and in victory returns authority to the Father.

2 REST.. Rev. 7: 9-10 ... 13-17....

The church militant becomes the church triumphant. The church triumphant is the victorious people of God at rest before the throne of God. These hunger and thirst no more. They have no need of light. They are fed by the Lamb and are led to living fountains of waters! They have their tears wiped away by the hand of God. As they worship, they cry out, "Salvation to our God!!

How does this truth affect us today?????

1. IT GIVES US HOPE. The course of the world and especially the future of the church is neither in the hands of man nor chance. It is ordered by God.

2. IT GIVES US COMFORT. From the regrets of the past and the nagging pressures and sorrows of the present, we can look forward to victory.

3. It gives us PURPOSE. God has laid out our destiny, and we can turn our faces steadfastly toward it.

The great end of salvation is to produce characters & conduct which conform to the holiness of God.
Why does He call us to be different? You are already sanctified (separated) by your position - "In Christ" Separated - as they cooperate with the Holy Spirit - Final separation from presence of sin (this world) when we go to be with Him -

We are saved from something - for something - ?

God does not pamper his ^{redeemed} children. They are expected to be obedient. & Petey 1: 14 Christians are God's children & their failures are family matters. God can be stern when necessary with his careless, disobedient children. Appropriate for Christians to have a very healthy respect akin to "fear" for their heavenly Parent -

We are called to be
different -

Because of redemptions
price -

you were bought not
with silver - precious stone
Blood of precious Son of God
predestined to be the Lamb
of God - taking away the
sin of the world.

Modern Christians have
been guilty of compromise
Does business come first or
the Lord?

more important to
succeed in this world or
to excel in the expectations of
the next world -

One distressing fact about
many church members -
is that in the office
the shop, the factory
the Country Club
they are NOT different
from their worldly friends.
God's hand could be heavy on such

Not enough to stay out of sin —
sort of forced piety
but God wants an exuberant
spirit

Gal 5: 22

Testing of Adam & Eve —

God wants a voluntary
love and worship —
no temptation — no opportunity
of choice — when you have —

Made that voluntary choice
of your Saviour —

Your New Nature shall
grow & develop the
graces taught —

Gal 5: 22

1. Prediction of apostacy -

An apostate is not one who gives up his profession of being a Christian, but one who forsakes the truth of the Christian faith.

II Thess 2 - Paul gives a fuller unfolding of apostacy

2. Characteristics of apostacy.

As soon as men turn away from Christ & His truth they ~~lose~~ under influence of "seducing spirits" If man is not subject to the influence of the Holy Spirit he at once falls under the power of seducing spirits.

Seducing spirits - are not the false teachers but the evil spirits animating them -

"Doctrine of demons" means does not mean doctrine about demons but doctrines which the demons teach -

They influence minds of men to give heed to erroneous teaching. Only one devil.

'not devils' - rather demons -
evil beings - agents of Satan -
Commanded by ~~him~~ to
war against the kingdom
of God -

+ Cor 10:20 -

Christian Concern -

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I Cor. 10: 23 -

Differences of opinion about what is right & wrong seem to come up within the fellowship of Christian churches.

Differences separated Christians from one another in the Corinthian church. In his letter Paul gave attention to correcting wrong opinions.

One group considered themselves to be 'the strong group' - in contrast to the weaker group.

The particular problem that brought forth this new division in the church at Corinth between these 2 groups is hard for us to understand. ? Should Christians -

Eat meat sacrificed to idols or slaughtered in idol temples???

The strong brother said it was nonsense to act that way -

There were no real demons or idols

The weak brother said that meat sacrificed to idols should be avoided - avoid all appearance of evil.

Theme of I Cor. 8 — 10

Paul had previously discussed freedom & ~~licensing~~ - license insisting that Christian freedom finds one under responsibility for one's fellow Christians and for others.

First part of Chap. 10 - warns Christians of attitude - Pride has no place in the Christian faith.

Problem of divisions in church & Cor. 10: 23 - 11: 1 — on basis of complete Christian Commitment Christian

"Rights" - not so important as one's personal responsibility to other individuals. Guiding principle is love not knowledge -

Freedom of Christian is also subject to one's responsibility under Christ - to be God's instrument in service -

Decisions - cannot be made on basis of what the individual feels wants to do or feels he can do -

Decisions must be made on the basis of his place in God's kingdom. He must

ask God what He intends to do with his life - when we understand God's purpose for our lives and what we are to do in His service - decisions can be made

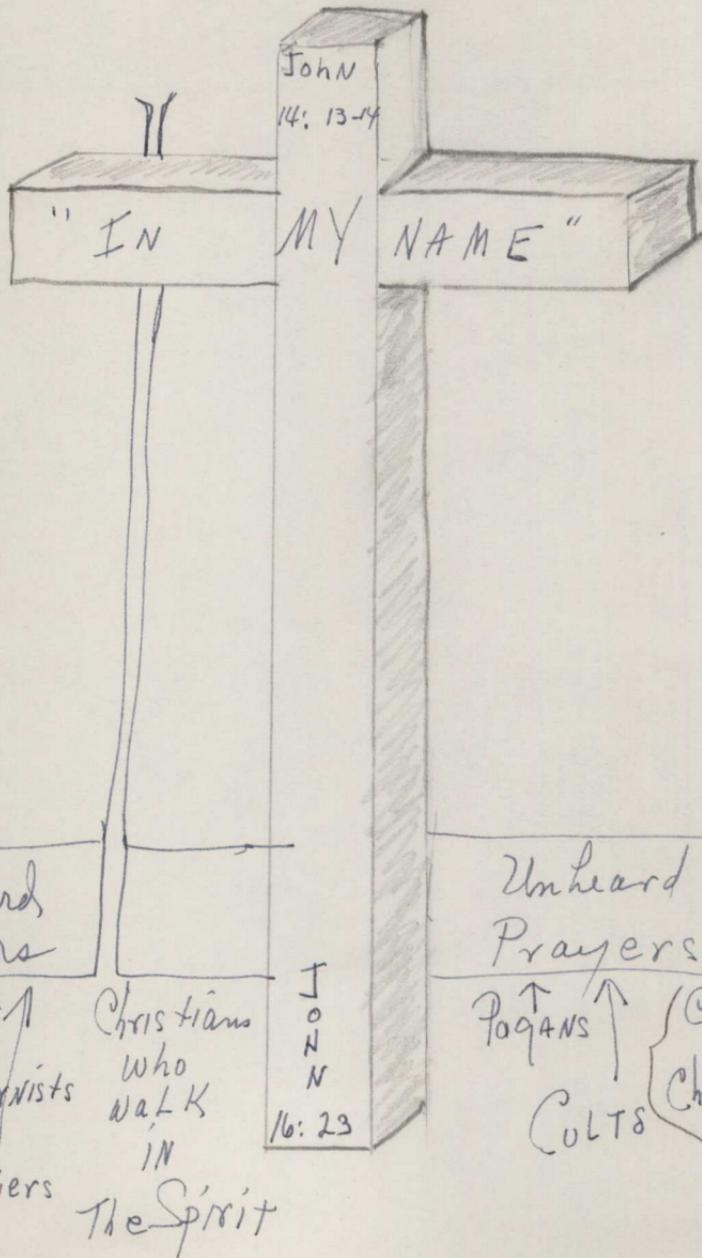
Jealousy's Love Questioned - Malachi 1: 1-5

God never needs to justify or explain His action or inaction. He does comfort the hearts of His people by reminders of the past & encourages by prophecies of the future -

God promised to take care of Israel but when they disobeyed Him - then they questioned His love - they were afraid -

Desperate circumstances are not always necessary to indifference, inaction
No. In these areas -

GOD the Father



Psalm 56: 3 + 4A

3; "What time I am afraid I will trust in Thee"
4A - In God I have put my trust"

Isa 26: 3

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee"

Isa 32: 17

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Isa 43: 2 + 3A

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.
3. For I am the Lord thy God - thy Saviour - "

God Holds Your Hand

God understands the way you take
He knows the trials of each day.
And sympathizing, lends an ear
To hear you e'er before you pray.
He walks with those who trust His Love,
He holds them by the hand to guide;
What need to fear or be dismayed,
With His dear Presence by your side!

"He knoweth the way that I take; when
he hath tried me, I shall come forth
as gold."

Job 23: 10

Review - Malachi -

Imperfect offerings - Jehovah's worship
1:9 -

If they had thus sincerely prayed
no prayer could have been more
appropriate - It was time for
a repentant people to confess
their grievous mistake & seek
divine forgiveness.

God would have heard their
sincere confession & forgiven
them -

Man is ever reluctant to do
things in God's way. Confession
is clearly required for restoration.

(Heb 14: 1, 2. 1 John 1: 9)

yet this is one of the last
things a guilty one is
willing to do.

v. 10 - would be better not to
open the doors of the temple
than to have a pretense of
worship - form but no
power, not following God
commandments -

How terrible is an epidemic
of apostasy! darkness of

unbelief grows denser &
denser -

When one generation fails
spiritually the failure will be
greater with the succeeding
generation -

The only thing that can
change spiritual decline
is a heaven-sent Holy
Spirit revival to lift God's
people back to a loftier plane

The fact that the curtain
went up on the N.Y. scene
to reveal a people who had no
room for Messiah, no desire
for His message & no compunc-
tion in calling for His
crucifixion is all traceable to
conditions right here in the
Book of Malachi -

The patience of God is
the greatest mystery of
any day!

God told Isaiah to cry with
a full-throated voice,
sparing not in showing
them their sins - Isa 58:1

He commanded Jeremiah.

Jer 7: 1-3

Now He must reveal thru Mal -
1: 10 -

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This never a reflection upon
one's intellect to take God at
His Word -

Word "snuffed" speaks of intellec-
tual snobbery - the inflated
ego disesteeming thy. Counsel
of God, - implying that
man's way is more acceptable

Prayer - what it is

Rev. 3:20

Behold I stand at the door & knock;
if any man hear my voice & open
the door, I will come in to
him, & will sup with him, &
he with me"

To pray is to let Jesus come
into our hearts. Teaches us;
It is not our prayer which
moves the Lord Jesus - it
is Jesus who moves us
to pray! He knocks - He
desires to come in. Our prayers
are a result of Jesus knocking
at our hearts doors. Isa 65:2,

"Before they call, I will answer,
and while they are yet speaking,
I will hear."

It is not our prayer which
draws Jesus into our heart
Nor is it our prayer which
moves Jesus to come in to
us -

All He needs is access -
He enters in wherever He is not
denied admittance -

He calls it to "sup with us"!
The Common meal is a symbol of intimate & joyous fellowship - shows us that God has designed prayer as a means of intimate & joyous fellowship between God & man -

To pray :- is to give Jesus permission to employ His powers in the alleviation of our distress -

To pray :- is to let Jesus glorify His name in the midst of our needs -

Results of prayer not dependent upon the powers of the one who prays.

To pray :- is nothing more valuable than to open the door - giving Jesus access to our needs & permitting Him to exercise His own power in dealing with them.

4. He was rebuked by Nathan

5. He repented and was forgiven

B Effect of believers sin in Others

1. In Davids household -

Death child -

Tamers defilement

Amnon murdered by Absalom

Absalom seeks over throw

David & the throne is killed

2. Outside Davids household -

Death & blasphemy -

a. Death of Uriah -

b. Same occasion for
enemies of God to

blaspheme - (v 12)

The way of transgressor is hard
but not hopeless - They
problem & yours', not tragic state of
world
It is Dear Personal state before God

I The effect of the believers sin
in heaven - 11: 27 -
God cannot overlook sin in the
great man or little man -
what NT teach re: Child of God
who sins I John 2: 1 - 3

II Effect of believers sin on earth
a. Psa 32: 4 - 51 written ~~same~~ time.
1. Loss of peace - Psa 32: 3 - 4
.. 51: 12
2. Loss of vision -
Became blind to his own sin.
Until Nathan shamed what he had
done - didn't realize harm
awful was his deeds -
Became harsh toward other
people - result of sin in
our lives -
3. Loss of power =

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v 11 David tired & resigned
3 mos Ark had rested - Obed-edom
who was a porter in God's house -
a very humble individual -

During these 3 mos David had learned -

1. He had tackled situation wrong way
attempting to get God's presence
without God's holiness.

2. Since David time to think & pray
David took time to read his Bible
ask God show him what went
wrong - I Chron. 15: 2 (14-15)

To sacrifice offered at time -
as well as going about wrong way
This 2nd attempt - he had gone
Only a short distance - offering
a sacrifice - worshiping God
& David so overjoyed he danced
before Him

He probably wrote Psalm
at this time -

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